



# BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

c/o Blair County Controller, 423 Allegheny St., Ste 141 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

## Blair County Prison Board Meeting of October 15, 2020 at 8:30 AM

### By Conference Call

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Commissioner Laura Burke, President  
Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Commissioner  
Bruce Erb, Commissioner Amy Webster,  
Controller A.C. Stickel, District Attorney  
Peter Weeks, Sheriff Jim Ott

**Board Members not in Attendance:**

**Quorum:** Present

**Non-Board Members in Attendance:**

Nicole Hemminger, Deputy Warden James  
McMahon, Warden Abbie Tate,  
**Primecare Representatives in  
Attendance:** NONE

**AFSCME Representatives in  
Attendance:** NONE

**Prison Society Members in Attendance:**  
NONE

**Media in Attendance:** Kay Stephens,  
Altoona Mirror

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**Call to Order:** Controller Stickel called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Controller Stickel explained the ground rules for today's teleconference. Only voting members of the Prison Board may leave their telephones unmuted during the entire meeting, but we would request each avoids excess noise from your location. All other participants should mute their telephones until called upon to speak. Public participants may speak only during the designated public comment period near the beginning of the meeting and must keep their phones muted during the rest of the meeting. Each person needs to avoid interrupting the person speaking. Each speaker **MUST** state his/her name before talking each time he/she speaks so others will know who is speaking and to ensure minutes will be accurate.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Led by Controller Stickel.

The roll was called by Controller Stickel

**Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items:** Kay Stephens asked why the July payroll skyrocketed.

**Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2020 Meeting:** A motion was made by Commissioner Webster and seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2020 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Recognition of BCP Employee:** Warden Tate recognized Officer Dave McCulloch for his service to the prison during the pandemic. Officer McCulloch has been a leader during the pandemic in making sure our facility is sanitized properly.

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**Inmate Population Report:** Warden Tate provided an updated Inmate Population Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

**Inmate Services Report:** Warden Tate reviewed the Inmate Services Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

**Warden's Report:** Warden Tate provided the Warden's Report which will be kept on file with minutes.

**Staffing Update:** Deputy Warden Eckard provided a Staffing Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

**COVID-19 Update:** Warden Tate provided a COVID-19 update. There are still no COVID-19 positive cases at the prison with inmates or staff.

**Prison Expansion Committee:** No report at this time

**Chairman's Report:** No report at this time

**Financial Report:** Deputy Controller Angela Wagner provided a report for June 2020 which will be kept on file with the minutes. Commissioner Erb addressed the increase in payroll for August. He indicated that some of it was due to the arbitration award and will impact the budget. There was also a discussion about continued high cost of payroll, medical and sustenance.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the board, Controller Stickel adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. by conference call.

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle  
Secretary