



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of December 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

At the Blair County Prison

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller
A.C Stickel, District Attorney Pete Weeks,
Sheriff James Ott, President Judge
Elizabeth Doyle

Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Commissioner
Laura Burke

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Deputy Warden James Eckard, Deputy
Warden Shaun Edmundson, Deputy
Warden Jay Whitsel, Carol Dannenberg
(Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog)

**Primecare Representatives in
Attendance:** NONE

**AFSCME Representatives in
Attendance:** NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance:
John Grove

Media in Attendance:
Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Controller Stickel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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: Controller Stickel called for public comment on Prison items. There were no comments.

Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2022 Meeting: A motion was made by Sheriff Ott and seconded by Commissioner Webster to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2022 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Deputy Warden James Eckerd wanted to thank the Prison staff and other County employees and first responders working during the holidays. Some Prison employees even volunteered to work double shifts so other correction officers can have the day off. They are doing the County a great service and should not be forgotten.

The staff seems to bond together and even the inmates become more festive.

Controller Stickel requested Deputy Warden Eckard to express the Board's gratitude and appreciate to the staff.

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

Inmate Services Report: Deputy Warden Whitsel stated: The Peerstar Re-entry Program had 5 participants. Women's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 32 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 11 participants. Reformers Unanimous had 10 participants. Women's Parenting had 16 participants. Men's Parenting had 20 participants. The Good Will Re-entry Program had 3 participants. The GED Preparation Program has 9 female and 16 male participants.

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

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

COVID-19 Update: Deputy Warden Eckard stated C-Block and 1 cell in J-Block is currently under quarantine.

Prison Sub-Committees: Commissioner Webster identified a grant possibility from MATP. Judy Rosser, Blair County Drug & Alcohol, will submit the necessary paper work by January 12, 2023.

Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for November 2022 which will be kept on file with the minutes.

After discussion of Public Comment Policy, Sheriff Ott moved to accept the Public Comment Policy as presented. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Controller Stickel adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,


President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary