



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of February 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. In the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessler,
Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner
Amy Webster, District Attorney Peter
Weeks, President Judge Wade Kagarise

Board Members not in Attendance:

Controller A.C. Stickel, Sheriff James Ott,

Quorum: Present

Media in Attendance:

Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Cory
Yedlosky, Deputy Warden Shaun
Edmundson, Corrections Officer Frank
Irvin, Chief-Deputy Sheriff RJ Peo, Carol
Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community
Watchdog)

**Primecare Representatives in
Attendance:** NONE

**AFSCME Representatives in
Attendance:** NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance:
John D. Grove

Call to Order: Commissioner Kessler called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection: Led by Commissioner Kessler

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Commissioner Kessler

The roll was called by Commissioner Kessler

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Commissioner Kessler called for public comment on Prison items. There were no comments at this time.

Approval of Minutes from January 18,2024 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster to approve the minutes from the January 18,2024 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate recognized Officer Frank Irvin for volunteering and going above and beyond on taking over inmate property. It is a very large job and Officer Irvin has taken it on and made it very organized and efficient. Warden Tate says it was greatly appreciated that he volunteered and took it on his own to fill the responsibility. The Board also thanked Officer Irvin for work he has taken on.

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

Inmate Services Report: See attached.

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

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

COVID-19 Update: Warden Tate stated there were no COVID-19 issues with staff or inmates.

Amendment to the Prime Care Contract: Warden Tate requested the Prison Board vote to recommend submitting the amendment to the Prime Care (MAT Agreement) to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. This agreement would allow a medical assisted treatment for the prison working with Prime Care and Judy Rosser of Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program. Ms. Rosser has assisted with a two-year grant to work with Prime Care on billing and reimbursement.

Jailtracker software access to Hollidaysburg Police Department: Warden Tate requested the Prison Board vote to recommend submitting MOU Computer Network Access requirements to Detective Friday of Hollidaysburg Police Department for the jail management system to be taken to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. This would allow Detective Friday to have viewer only limited access to the jail tracker system. Detective Friday handles more than 95 percent of cases for the prison and this will help streamline the process and end repetitious paper work or wasted time to retrieve paperwork. A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler recommend both the Prime Care Contract amendment and Jailtracker MOU for Hollidaysburg Police department and seconded by Commissioner Webster. The motion was unanimously carried.

Prison Sub-Committees: No sub-committee reports presented at this time.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kessler adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Blair County Prison

Respectfully Submitted,



August C. Stickel IV
Chairperson