



# BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

## Blair County Prison Board Meeting of May 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. In the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room

### Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessler, Commissioner Laura Burke, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Amy Webster, President Judge Wade Kagarise

### Board Members not in Attendance:

Sheriff James Ott, District Attorney Peter Weeks

**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, Nichole Smith, Deputy Controller Angela Wagner, Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog)

**Primecare Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

**AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

**Prison Society Members in Attendance:** NONE

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Kessler called the meeting to order at 9:00 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. No additional attendees over phone.

**Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items:** Commissioner Kessler called for public comment on Prison items. Kay Stephens from the Altoona Mirror asked about an update on the MAT program and how the high population is effecting the prison?

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

**Recognition of BCP Employee:** Warden Tate recognized the entire staff. Last week was Corrections Employee week, known as officer's week. The officers generate funds from t-shirt and hoagie sales for the officer's commissary in addition to a donation from the warden and staff. During Officer's week special meals are provided and a cook out was held. The community as reaches out to donate to the officers. Officer (Lisa Dunn) and Lieutenant Matthews help coordinated everything for the week and it was a good way to slow down and appreciate all the officers for their work. They also did something in conjunction with the Prime care nurses as it was also nurse's week. The Commissioners also have something for all the corrections officers that Warden Tate will be receiving after the meeting.

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

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**Inmate Services Report:** Deputy Warden Edmunson provided an updated Inmate Population 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 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.

**Financial Report:** Controller Stickel presented to the financial report which will be kept on file with the minutes.


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

Comments were made at the end of the meeting that were not pertinent to the agenda or other prison related matters at this time.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kessling made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Controller Stickel. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Blair County Prison.

Respectfully Submitted,



August C. Stickel IV  
Chairperson