

## **BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD**

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

## Blair County Prison Board Meeting of August 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. At the Blair County Prison.

## **Board Members in Attendance:**

Commissioner David Kessling, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C. Stickel, President Judge Wade Kagarise, Sheriff James Ott, District Attorney Peter Weeks

## **Board Members not in Attendance:**

Commissioner Laura Burke

**Quorum:** Present

**Media in Attendance:** Kay Stephens – Altoona Mirror, Carol Dannenberg – Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Warden Cory Yedlosky, Officer Dennis Bishop

**Primecare Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

**AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

**Prison Society Members in Attendance:** NONE

Call to Order: Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection: Led by Commissioner Kessling

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Commissioner Kessling

The roll was called by Commissioner Kessling.

**Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items:** Commissioner Kessling called for public comment on Prison items. Kay Stephens: Altoona Mirror – Average monthly population report has going missing from the last few agendas and will it return?

**Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2024 Meeting:** A motion was made by Commissioner Kessling and seconded by Controller Stickel to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2024 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Recognition of BCP Employee**: Warden Tate recognized Officer Dennis Bishop. Officer Bishop has nine years of service at the Blair County Prison and is dependable to get things done in the Prison correctly and efficiently. The County thanks Officer Bishop for his continued service.

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

**Inmate Services Report:** Deputy Warden Edmundson 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.

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**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 no cases of COVID-19 at this time.

**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 at the end were made from board members about meeting after to help regulate prison intake and possible new procedure for bracelet/anklet sentences.

**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 9:48 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Blair County Prison.

Respectfully Submitted,

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August C. Stickel IV

Chairperson