



# BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

## Blair County Prison Board Meeting of June 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. At the Blair County Prison.

### Board Members in Attendance:

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

### Board Members not in Attendance:

Quorum: Present

Media in Attendance: Phil Ray – Altoona Mirror

**Non-Board Members in Attendance:** Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Cory Yedlosky, Devin Saylor

**Primecare Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

**AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

**Prison Society Members in Attendance:** Kathy Rhodes,

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**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. Cathy Rose from the Prison Society: Every time the Prison Society tours noticing not enough counselors and with the 211 system taking 2 ½ hours to get through the Prison Society is wondering why they can't get people to stay at the prison. Devin Saylor from Redd Up Altoona: Possibly offering clean-up projects as community service opportunities and the possible way to set this up between Redd Up Altoona and the Prison.

**Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2024 Meeting:** A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Controller Stickel to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2024 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Recognition of BCP Employee:** Warden Tate recognized the entire staff for stepping up with everything that's been needed with the upgrade and staffing shortages. Warden Tate also recognize the front office and admin staff for their efficient work. She also thanks her two Deputy Wardens: Shaun Edmundson and Corey Yedlosky for stepping up and getting everything done.

**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.

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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 8 cadets and a trainer sent home with COVID for 5 days per County protocol.

**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.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kessler made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Controller Stickel. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "August C. Stickel IV". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

August C. Stickel IV  
Chairperson