

BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Amy Webster, District Attorney Pete Weeks, Chief Deputy Sheriff Chris Tatar

Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Laura Burke, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Sheriff James Ott

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden James Eckard, Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson, Darlene Wilt (Case Manager), Allison Senkevich, Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog)

Primecare Representatives in

Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in

Attendance: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance:

Dr. Osgood

Media in Attendance:

Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Controller Stickel called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Controller Stickel

The roll was called by Tracy Mosel-Miller.

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 August 18, 2022 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Webster and seconded by Commissioner Erb to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2022 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate wanted to thank Case Manager Darlene Wilt for her dedication. She has the enormous task of currently being the only Case Manager on staff. Warden Tate stated Darlene does the work of 3 Case Managers; never complaining or missing a beat. Darlene is the liaison for the inmate population to the outside world; including family members and outside agencies.

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Warden Tate stated she greatly appreciates Darlene's dedication to the monumental task she is undertaking.

Chairman Stickel also thanked Darlene for her dedication and stated her work does not go unnoticed and is appreciated.

PA DOC Standards Compliance Inspection Report: Chairman Stickel read the first paragraph of the report congratulating the Blair County Prison for being in full compliance with the 2022 inspection. This was due to the efforts of Warden Tate and her staff. There were no deficiencies or citations to report.

Chairman Stickel stated this is extraordinary, and thanked Warden Tate and the staff for their efforts.

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 Shaun Edmundson stated: The Peerstar Re-entry Program had 12 female participants and 11 male participants. Salvation Army Presentation had 4 participants. Women's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 16 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 8 participants. Reformers Unanimous had 24 participants. Women's Parenting had 20 participants. Men's Parenting had 20 participants. The Good Will Re-entry Program had 12 participants.

Warden's Report: Warden Tate 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: Warden Tate stated currently there are no inmates or staff under COVID-19 protocol.

Tyrone Pharmacy provided 20 COVID-19 vaccinations/boosters to the inmate population on August 29, 2022.

Prison Sub-Committees: Chairman Stickel stated the Prison Expansion Committee still needs to meet. The Personnel Committee will meet. The Inmate Services Committee has met and had discussions with Primecare Representatives.

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

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Controller Stickel adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle

Secretary