



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of June 15, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

At the Blair County Prison

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Sheriff James Ott, District Attorney Peter Weeks

Board Members not in Attendance:

Controller A.C. Stickle

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Warden Jim Eckard, Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel, Brooke Means, Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), David Kessling

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Bob DuPont

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Commissioner Erb called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Commissioner Erb

The roll was called by Commissioner Erb.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Commissioner Erb called for public comment on Prison items. There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes from May 18, 2023 Meeting: A motion was made by Sheriff Ott and seconded by Commissioner Webster to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2023 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate stated she wanted to recognize Corrections Officer Brooke Means. Warden Tate stated Brooke volunteered to be a Fill-In Case Manager for the next 3 months. She is doing a fantastic job. The female inmate population needed someone dedicated to assisting them with individual needs. Warden Tate expressed her appreciation for everything Brooke is doing.

Commissioner Erb thanked Brooke for her dedication and versatility.

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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 4 participants. The Salvation Army presentation had 0 participants. Women's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 24 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 15 participants. Reformers Unanimous had 25 participants. Women's Parenting had 16 participants. Men's Parenting had 23 participants. The Good Will Re-entry Program had 4 participants. The GED Preparation Program has 7 female and 16 male participants. The Work Release Program has 3 participants. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) had 12 female and 22 male 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 there were no COVID-19 issues with the staff or inmates.

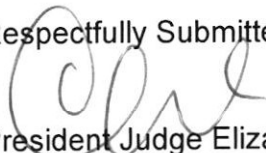
Prison Sub-Committees: Deputy Warden Edmundson stated the Re-entry Coalition met on June 8, 2023. The Coalition continues strengthening, growing, and bringing new ideas.

Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for May 2023 which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Erb adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary