



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of September 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. At the Blair County Prison

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Laura Burke, Controller
A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Amy Webster,
Sheriff James Ott

Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, District Attorney
Peter Weeks, President Judge Elizabeth
Doyle

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel, Lieutenant
Cory Yedlosky, Jestelynn Heaton, Carol
Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community
Watchdog)

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Dr. Ed Grab

Media in Attendance: Phil Ray, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Controller Stickel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Controller Stickel

The roll was called by Controller Stickel.

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 17, 2023 Meeting: A motion was made by Sheriff Ott and seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2023 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel recognized Jestelynn Heaton, Corrections Counselor. She studied Criminal Justice and Political Science at Lock Haven University and was employed as a Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility. Her education and experience makes her a great asset to the Prison.

Controller Stickel and the Board welcomed Jestelynn.

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Inmate Population Report: Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel provided an updated Inmate Population Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Inmate Services Report: Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel stated: The Peerstar Re-entry Program had 5 participants. The Salvation Army presentation had 4 participants. Women's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 20 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 10 participants. Reformers Unanimous had 15 participants. Women's Parenting had 17 participants. Men's Parenting had 17 participants. The Good Will Re-entry Program had 8 participants. The GED Preparation Program has 11 female and 22 male participants. The Work Release Program has 6 participants. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) had 22 female and 7 male participants.

Warden's Report: Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel provided the Warden's Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Staffing Update: Lieutenant Cory Yedlosky provided a Staffing Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

COVID-19 Update: There was no update given at this time.

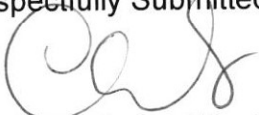
Prison Sub-Committees: Chairman Stickel stated that once the Prison Expansion Feasibility Study is presented to the Commissioners, an item would likely appear on a future Commissioners' meeting agenda.

Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for August 2023 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 19, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary