

PRISON BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2015, 10:00 AM
Cumberland County Courthouse
Carlisle, PA

Present: Commissioners Barbara Cross, Jim Hertzler and Gary Eichelberger; Al Whitcomb, Controller; Ron Anderson, Sheriff; Earl Reitz, Warden; Jeff Ilgenfritz, Deputy Warden – Security; Larry Thomas, Chief Clerk.

Call to Order: Controller Al Whitcomb called the meeting to order.

Public Comment: Controller Al Whitcomb asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting. Sheriff Anderson seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissary Report: Commissioner Hertzler moved to accept the Commissary Report (see attached). Sheriff Anderson seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Expenditure Sheets: Commissioner Cross moved to accept the Prison Expenditure Sheets and Central Booking Expenditure Sheets for April 2015 (see attached). Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Warden's Report: Warden Reitz presented his report (see attached) stating that the average daily Prison population for the month of April was 405, with 391 being in-house. The current population is 389, with 378 being in-house. There are currently 311 males and 78 female inmates. There were 37 inmates enrolled in the Work Release Program and six inmates were removed from the Program for disciplinary reasons. There were 24 inmates enrolled in the Inmate Worker Program, 17 inmates enrolled in the Outmate Trusty Program and three inmates enrolled in the Community Work Crew. The Community Work Crew projects for April were the Cumberland County Historical Society, Mount Holly Springs Borough and Cumberland County Archives. There were 6 Extraordinary Occurrences to report for the month. There was one 304 commitment (male inmate) to Torrence State Hospital and 5 uses of force. Warden Reitz reported they are currently holding 10 females for Perry County and seven males for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Commissioner Eichelberger made a motion to accept the Warden's Report. Commissioner Cross seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Inquiry from Northumberland County to House Prisoners for Them: Northumberland County has requested to rent cell space in the event of emergency type situations. Since their Prison fire, Northumberland County is housing the majority of their prisoners at either SCI-Coal Township or SCI-Muncy. Our Solicitor's office has updated a housing agreement which mirrors what we have with Perry County. Commissioner Hertzler had concerns that the per diem rate was not high enough and the Warden was instructed to inquire about the PA DOC's rate to Northumberland County.

Painting/Shower Remediation Update:

Warden Reitz gave an update on the showers and painting remediation project. Eight areas are completed, 3 remain to complete. The target completion date remains July 9, 2015.

Other Business:

Warden Reitz provided information to the Board via an e-mail he received from the PA DOC regarding initiatives pertaining to the incarceration of the mentally ill. Warden Reitz commended that the County does reasonably well with managing mentally ill offenders, despite the long waiting periods for hospitalizations to forensic mental health facilities and lack of placement facilities when it's time for mentally ill offenders to be released from Prison to the community.

Warden Reitz provided information to the Board regarding a grant opportunity from the PA Department of Human services addressing heroin and opioid use. The grant addresses providing "Naloxone" to First Responders and "Vivitrol" for offenders diagnosed with opioid dependency. Also provided to the Board was an e-mail from Primecare addressing concerns about prescribing Vivitrol to incarceration individuals. Those concerns address cost, management and liabilities. The Warden has forwarded PrimeCare's e-mail to Jack Carroll and has spoken to him about those concerns. Chief Clerk Thomas stated that this is a pilot program so the County should wait to see results.

Commissioner Eichelberger asked how municipalities can request the use of Work Release from the Prison. Warden Reitz explained the request process.

Commissioner Cross made a motion to go in to Executive Session at 10:25 AM. Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Sheriff Anderson made a motion to approve the hiring of Wayne Koser, effective June 1, 2015. Commissioner Cross seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Crum
Administrative Coordinator