

BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES
BERKS COUNTY SERVICES CENTER
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
MARCH 09, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt
Commissioner Christian Leinbach
Controller Sandy Graffius
Sheriff Eric Weaknecht
District Attorney John Adams
Judge Scott Lash

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The February 10, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

WARDEN REPORT:

Warden Janine Quigley spoke about the CCAP Task Force for Comprehensive Behavioral Health issues. The task force will be meeting for the next six months to form an action plan and comprehensive plan. The information will be presented to CCAP members at the annual meeting in an effort to work with the State on substance abuse and mental health issues in the jail system.

The County was accepted into the Stepping Up Initiative event in Washington, DC that five team members from Berks County will be attending in April, 2016.

The Warden reported that the number of state technical parole violators in the jail is currently 73.

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Deputy Warden Jeffrey Smith reported the staffing update: Five cadets are currently in the academy and are scheduled to graduate April 12, 2016. Correctional officer testing is scheduled for March 18, 2016. There are five correctional officer vacancies.

Deputy Kyle Russell updated the Board on the following renovation projects:

- Preliminary Security Assessment – Waiting for follow-up from Burns McDonnell.
- Conditions Assessment – Several recommendations to make changes within the report were made to CDI Kimball to review.

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- Video Visitation Prototype – Sign-on information is pending. The pilot has been tested resulting in minor audio issues. Information is being gathered to determine which units will start the program.
- Infrastructure and Security: Architect sent letters to various subcontractors to complete work and punch list items.

A discussion took place concerning the location of private meeting areas for attorneys to meet with inmates.

The Warden reported that the C2 housing unit for juveniles will be ready by May. The PREA audit is scheduled for June 29, 2016.

Deputy Warden Stephanie Smith reported that the computer based GED testing is now running.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

GOOD & WELFARE: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 9:21 a.m. into the Executive Session which adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be April 13, 2016 in the Commissioners' Board Room, Berks County Services Center.

Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board