

**BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES  
BERKS COUNTY SERVICES CENTER  
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
OCTOBER 12, 2016**

The Berks County Prison Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom on the 13th floor of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

The following members were in attendance:

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

The following members were absent:

Commissioner Christian Leinbach  
Commissioner Mark Scott

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The September 14, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

Warden Quigley stated the inmate population was 1,028. Of the population reported, 125 inmates were female, 903 inmates were male and 36 inmates were technical parole violators. Warden Quigley mentioned that the five juvenile inmates had been transferred to Chester County.

Warden Quigley informed the Board about the inquiry of space for 5 to 10 inmates from the Schuylkill County Warden. Warden Quigley reported that the space for 5 to 10 inmates is available.

Chief Deputy Warden Jeffrey Smith reported the staffing update: 11 correctional officer vacancies, 8 cadets scheduled to start the academy October 19, 15 cadets scheduled for a tour and psychological testing on October 21, and an additional correctional officer testing will be conducted on November 7.

Commissioner Barnhardt inquired about including Schuylkill County cadets in the training. Warden Quigley considered the number of cadets in total and stated they can probably accommodate the scheduled cadets and the Schuylkill cadets at once. Commissioner Barnhardt briefly explained the part-time correctional officer situation in Schuylkill County.

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Deputy Warden Kyle Russell updated the Board on the Professional Visitor Interview Rooms renovation project, stating the project is about one third complete. An inspection was completed and passed the previous day by the Township inspector. Deputy Warden Russell anticipated the project to be completed within the next two months.

Deputy Warden Russell summarized the meeting with the Commissioner and CDI Kimball from the previous week: they spoke about the upcoming steps moving forward based on the results of the conditions assessment. They spoke about whether it would be beneficial from a cost perspective to continue investing money into the 1933 portion of the jail. They wanted to look into options such as phased renovations to replace the 1933 section or all new construction.

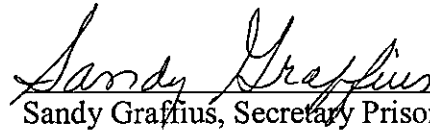
**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**COMMENTS FROM THE JAIL BOARD**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 9:08 A.M. The next Prison Board meeting will be November 9, 2016 in the Boardroom on the 13<sup>th</sup> floor of the Berks County Services Center.

  
Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board