

BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2017

The Berks County Prison Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Board room 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
Commissioner Christian Leinbach
Controller Sandy Graffius
District Attorney John Adams

The following members were absent:

Commissioner Mark Scott
Sheriff Eric Weaknecht
Judge Scott Lash

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler
Chief Administrative Officer Ronald Seaman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 8, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

Warden Janine Quigley stated the inmate population was 953. Of the population reported, 81 inmates were residing in the Community Reentry Center, 2 juveniles were in Chester County, 22 inmates were being held for Schuylkill County and 39 inmates were technical parole violators.

Of the population reported, 471 inmates were actively being treated for mental health issues and 73 were considered severely mentally ill. A discussion took place regarding the developments statewide and the challenges and possible solutions on a local level.

Warden Quigley informed the Board that four Honor Guard members from the Jail participated in the funeral service on Saturday, April 8, 2017 for Walter G. Scheipe Sr., a former Berks County Warden.

Chief Deputy Warden Jeffrey Smith reported the staffing update: 6 correctional officer vacancies, 1 lieutenant vacancy and 2 sergeant vacancies; 13 correctional officer applicants passed the interviews and were scheduled for psychological testing April 26, 2017.

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Deputy Warden Kyle Russell informed the Board that Levan Hoover had been hired as the Business Manager for the Jail.

Deputy Russell updated the Board on the construction project of the 1933 and 1993 portions of the Jail; stating an extension had been added to the CDI Kimball agreement. The first phase of architectural design and cost analysis is scheduled to be completed August 9, 2017.

Deputy Russell reported that the new staff phone system was installed the previous weekend throughout the Jail.

Deputy Warden Stephanie Smith informed the Board that the final training for the custody staff of the Core Correctional Practices had been rescheduled to May 31, 2017. The training for one of the four evidenced-based models was scheduled to begin within the upcoming weeks.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE JAIL BOARD


None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:12 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be held May 10, 2017 in the Commissioners' Board room on the 13th Floor of the Berks County Services Center.


Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board