

BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

The Berks County Prison Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Community Reentry Center at the Berks County Jail, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Christian Leinbach called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

The following members were in attendance:

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

The following members were absent:

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt
Commissioner Mark Scott

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler
Chief Administrative Officer Ronald Seaman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 9, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

Warden Janine Quigley stated the inmate population was 1,022. Of the population reported, 73 resided at the Community Reentry Center, 11 inmates were being held for Schuylkill County and 33 inmates were technical parole violators from the State. The juvenile unit remained closed.

The Warden shared some of the goals and action plans developed by her team at the Data Driven Justice Initiative event she had attended earlier in the month.

Chief Deputy Warden Jeffrey Smith reported on the staffing update. There were 3 correctional officer vacancies and 3 sergeant vacancies. Five cadets began the academy on August 30 and were scheduled to graduate October 31.

Deputy Warden Kyle Russell reported that a new Business Manager had been hired and the Account Clerk II position was still vacant.

Deputy Warden Stephanie Smith informed the Board that the fall training for the Core Correctional Practices for Mental Health, first aid treatment and support was scheduled September 21, 2017.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Sadler reported that there were two open grievances. The Solicitor thanked the District Attorney's office for a cooperative relationship. She also noted that the Department of Corrections was very helpful and productive.

COMMENTS FROM THE JAIL BOARD

Controller Graffius stated that a report would be issued regarding an audit for sub recipients. This is a new federal government mandate.

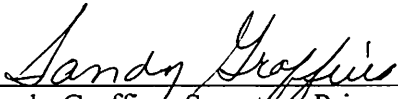
A discussion took place about the renovation project of the driveway and sidewalk for visitors. Commissioner Leinbach discussed the condition of the culvert and the potential options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:13 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be held October 11, 2017 in the Commissioners' Board Room on the 13th Floor of the Berks County Services Center.


Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board