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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

February 22, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Prison Board was called to order at 2:06 PM on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 in the Commissioners' Boardroom by the Chair of the Board of the Prison Board, Josh Maxwell. Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, District Attorney Deb Ryan, and Controller Margaret Reif were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Maxwell announced that the Prison Board met in Executive Session on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Controller Reif made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on January 25, 2023. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2023 Prison Board Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

There was no public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Sheriff Maddox made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the February 22, 2023 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for January 2023, noting that the average daily inmate population was 687, as compared to 643 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on January 31, 2023 there were 687 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 129
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 7
- Approximately 300 inmates held for court, 142 for preliminary hearing, and 37 inmates held on a Balance of Max.

The Warden reported that there were no juvenile offenders this month.

A total of 133 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 35 different agencies, compared to 116 arrestees brought in by 29 different agencies in 2022.

The Correctional Center for January had an average daily population of 22. Today the population is 32.

There were 42 medical transports.

There was one Correctional Emergency Unit activations for non-compliant behavior.

There were 206 Video Conferencing Hearings, compared to 120 in 2022.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 494
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 271
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 280
- Inmates on suicide watch: 56

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 61 (54 male, 7 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 13
- Inmates awaiting a bed at N.S.H.: 2

It was noted that the Thinking for a Change and Drug and Alcohol Services programs are ongoing at the Correctional Center at this time. Programming has generally been conducted via zoom, but the Warden is looking to reinstate in-person programming very soon. The Warden is also looking to reinstate in-person visitation onsite at a limited capacity.

The Warden reported that the camera upgrade project is wrapping up, putting the Prison at a total of about 300 cameras.

It was also reported that the Prison currently has 71 open positions, with 54 openings being for Correctional Officer Is. The Warden noted that in 2022, the Prison has hired 39 individuals and 37 individuals have left.

Warden Phillips reported that 5 individuals completed the academy in January, and 141 staff complete additional training courses. Additionally, NIJO, the National Institute for Jail Operations, was onsite last week and offered additional trainings.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics:

- Today, confirmed positives include 0 staff and 1 inmate.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 685.

7. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

DISCUSSION

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by District Attorney Ryan. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM.

ADJOURNMENT