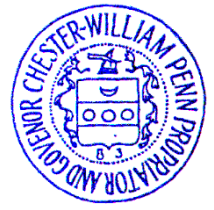




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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

April 26, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Prison Board was called to order at 2:01 PM on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 in the Commissioners' Boardroom by the Chair of the Prison Board, Josh Maxwell. Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, 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, March 29, 2023, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on March 29, 2023. Sheriff Maddox seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the March 29, 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

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to adopt the agenda. Controller Reif seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the April 26, 2023 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for March 2023, noting that the average daily inmate population was 687, as compared to 637 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on March 31, 2023 there were 705 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 138
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 6
- Approximately 332 inmates held for court, 124 for preliminary hearing, and 28 inmates held on a Balance of Max.

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

A total of 150 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 36 different agencies, compared to 114 arrestees brought in by 28 different agencies in 2022.

The Correctional Center for March had an average daily population of 30, as compared to a total of 15 in March of 2022. Today the population is 38.

There were 42 medical transports, 11 of which were to the emergency room.

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

There were 175 Video Conferencing Hearings, compared to 214 in 2022.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 370
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 270
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 240
- Inmates on suicide watch: 41

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 63 (52 male, 11 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 15
- Inmates awaiting a bed at N.S.H.: 0

It was noted that the Thinking for a Change, GED, HorseWorks, and Drug and Alcohol Services programs are all running smoothly at the Correctional Center at this time.

It was also reported that the Prison currently has 55 openings for Correctional Officer Is. The Warden noted that 4 Correctional Officers are currently taking the academy class.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics:

- Staff positives: 4 (Recovered: 4)
- Inmate positives: 0 (Recovered: 0)
- Today, confirmed positives include 2 staff and 2 inmates.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 688, as compared to a total of 622 last year.

7. Intermediate Punishment Plan

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to approve the proposed Intermediate Punishment Plan. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the proposed Intermediate Punishment Plan as presented by Chris Pawlowski, Director of the County’s Adult Probation Department.

Intermediate Punishment Plan

8. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

DISCUSSION

9. PUBLIC COMMENT**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Laure Shannon-Bailey thanked the Board for the attention to and support of mental health in the prison system. She informed the Board that May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, and asked them to continue their support of inmates struggling with mental health.

There was no further public comment.

10. ADJOURNMENT**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sheriff Maddox. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM.