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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

June 29, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Prison Board was called to order at 2:38 PM on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at the Chester County Prison by Commissioner Josh Maxwell. Commissioner Michelle Kichline, District Attorney Deb Ryan, 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 Tuesday, May 23, 2023, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sheriff Maddox made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on May 23, 2023. District Attorney Ryan seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the May 23, 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

Controller Reif made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sheriff Maddox seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the June 29, 2023 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for May 2023, noting that the average daily inmate population was 684, as compared to 646 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on May 31, 2023 there were 711 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 145
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 6
- Approximately 329 inmates held for court, 119 for preliminary hearing, and 34 inmates held on a Balance of Max.

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

A total of 141 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 31 different agencies, compared to 126 arrestees brought in by 38 different agencies in 2022.

The Correctional Center for May had an average daily population of 40. Today the population is 43.

There were 50 medical transports, 12 of which were to the emergency room.

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

There were 177 Video Conferencing Hearings, compared to 207 in 2022.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 489
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 263
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 351
- Inmates on suicide watch: 11%

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 68 (52 male, 16 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 13
- Inmates awaiting a bed at N.S.H.: 1
- Court-ordered commitments to N.S.H.: 1

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. Mental Health groups will be starting today, and there are currently 36 participants in the MAT Program (21 male, 15 female).

The Warden noted that one correctional officer completed the verbal de-escalation training this past month.

It was also reported that the Prison currently has 51 openings for Correctional Officer Is. The Warden noted that 3 officers started on May 29, 2023, and 4 more will start on July 7, 2023.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 677, as compared to a total of 630 last year.

7. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

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8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brooklyn Leon expressed her concerns about visitation limits, yard-time for the inmates, and rehabilitation efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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Commissioner Kichline made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sheriff Maddox. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM.