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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

May 23, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Prison Board was called to order at 2:02 PM on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 in the Commissioners' Boardroom by Commissioner Marian Moskowitz. Commissioner Michelle Kichline, President Judge John Hall, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, and Controller Margaret Reif were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Moskowitz announced that the Prison Board met in Executive Session on Wednesday, April 26, 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 April 26, 2023. Judge Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the April 26, 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. Judge Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the May 23, 2023 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for April 2023, noting that the average daily inmate population was 695, as compared to 629 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on April 30, 2023 there were 698 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 150
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 6
- Approximately 325 inmates held for court, 115 for preliminary hearing, and 33 inmates held on a Balance of Max.

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

A total of 145 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 33 different agencies, compared to 132 arrestees brought in by 33 different agencies in 2022.

The Correctional Center for April had an average daily population of 34, as compared to a total of 11 in April of 2022. Today the population is 42.

There were 46 medical transports.

There were 185 Video Conferencing Hearings, compared to 176 in 2022.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 394
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 271
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 364
- Inmates on suicide watch: 75

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 68 (54 male, 14 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 14
- 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. Mental Health groups will be starting today, and there are currently 18 participants in the MAT Program.

It was also reported that the Prison currently has 57 openings for Correctional Officer Is. The Warden noted that 225 officers attended various trainings over the month, and that 3 Correctional Officer Is graduated the academy in early May.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics:

- Staff positives: 3 (Recovered: 3)
- Inmate positives: 8 (Recovered: 8)
- Today, confirmed positives include 0 staff and 0 inmates.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 699, as compared to a total of 647 last year.

7. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

DISCUSSION

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

9. ADJOURNMENT

Controller Reif made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Judge Hall. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM.

ADJOURNMENT