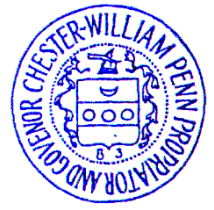




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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

July 19, 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, July 19, 2023 in the Commissioners' Board Room by Commissioner Josh Maxwell. Commissioner Michelle Kichline, President Judge John Hall, 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 Thursday, June 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 June 29, 2023. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the June 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

Sheriff Maddox made a motion to adopt the agenda. President Judge Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the July 19, 2023 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for June 2023, noting that the average daily inmate population was 692, as compared to 637 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on June 30, 2023 there were 702 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 152
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 5
- Approximately 328 inmates held for court, 107 for preliminary hearing, and 39 inmates held on a Balance of Max.

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

A total of 112 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 32 different agencies, compared to 132 arrestees brought in by 33 different agencies in 2022.

The Correctional Center for June had an average daily population of 45, as compared to 18 this time last year. Today the population is 46.

There were 46 medical transports, 14 of which were to the emergency room.

There were no Correctional Emergency Unit activations this month.

There were 138 Video Conferencing Hearings in June.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 478
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 358
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 284
- Inmates on suicide watch: 11%

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 63 (51 male, 12 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 11
- Inmates awaiting a bed at N.S.H.: 5
- Court-ordered commitments to N.S.H.: 6

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. The Chapel and Work Release Program are schedule to open/ re-start soon. Mental Health groups will be starting today, and there are currently 45 participants in the MAT Program (35 male, 10 female).

It was also reported that the Prison currently has 34 openings for Correctional Officer Is. The Warden noted that year-to-date, the Prison has hired 12 individuals and 1 has resigned. Currently, the Prison has 5-6 interviews scheduled, 6 individuals are undergoing the hiring process, and 5 individuals are in the process of completing the academy.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 720, as compared to a total of 624 last year.

7. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

DISCUSSION

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Stein, President of Thresholds, expressed his excitement to be able to work with the Prison again now that the COVID19 pandemic is passing. Thresholds is a program that helps teach better decision-making at the Prison.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jacob Matthews and Laura Teglan Matthews expressed concerns about prison policies, particularly visitation policies, in regard to inmate Daniel Matthews.

There was no further public comment.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Controller Reif made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by President Judge Hall. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

ADJOURNMENT