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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

August 30, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Prison Board was called to order at 12:32 PM on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 in the Commissioners' Board Room by Commissioner Josh Maxwell. Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, President Judge John Hall, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, District Attorney Deb Ryan, and Controller Margaret Reif were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Maxwell announced that Warden Ron Phillips retired on August 29, 2023 and recognized his 40 years of services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Maxwell announced that the Prison Board met in Executive Session on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 and Thursday, July 27, 2023 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

MINUTES APPROVED

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on July 19, 2023. President Judge Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2023 Prison Board Meeting.

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 August 30, 2023 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. Appointment of Howard Holland as Acting Warden

Controller Reif made a motion to appoint Howard Holland as the Acting Warden. District Attorney Ryan seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to appoint Howard Holland as the Acting Warden.

APPOINTMENT

7. MONTHLY REPORT

Acting Warden Howard Holland presented the monthly update on the Prison for July 2023, noting that the average daily inmate population was 710, as compared to 613 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Acting Warden noted that on July 31, 2023 there were 709 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 135
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 4
- Approximately 340 inmates held for court, 111 for preliminary hearing, and 36 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 47 different agencies.

The Correctional Center for July had an average daily population of 44, as compared to 14 this time last year.

There were 37 medical transports, 9 of which were to the emergency room.

There were 3 Correctional Emergency Unit activations this month for non-compliant behavior.

There were 206 Video Conferencing Hearings in July.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 467
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 365
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 290
- Inmates on suicide watch: 85

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 70 (55 male, 15 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 15
- Inmates awaiting a bed at N.S.H.: 4
- Court-ordered commitments to N.S.H.: 3

Acting Warden Holland reported that in the month of July there were 104 participants across the 10 treatment programs offered at the Prison, as well as 45 participants in the MAT Program.

It was also reported that the Prison currently has 7 individuals in the process of completing the academy and 5 recent graduates. Additionally, 192 officers completed additional training classes in the month of July.

8. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

DISCUSSION

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pamela Gray expressed concerns about voting and visitation procedures for inmates.

There was no further public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sheriff Maddox. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.

ADJOURNMENT