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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

September 26, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Prison Board was called to order at 1:03 PM on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at the Chester County Prison 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 the current meeting was being held at the Chester County Prison because the Prison Board is required to have one Prison Board meeting per quarter at the Prison facility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

District Attorney Ryan made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on September 20, 2023. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the September 20, 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

President Judge Hall made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sheriff Maddox seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the September 26, 2023 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. MONTHLY REPORT

Acting Warden Howard Holland presented the monthly update on the Prison for August 2023, noting that the average daily inmate population was 725, as compared to 618 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Acting Warden noted that on August 31, 2023 there were 744 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 127
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 5
- Approximately 369 inmates held for court, 121 for preliminary hearing, and 37 inmates held on a Balance of Max.

The Acting Warden reported that there were no juvenile offenders housed in the Prison during the month.

A total of 157 arrestees were brought to Central Booking by 47 different agencies.

The Correctional Center for August had an average daily population of 39, as compared to 14 this time last year.

There were 47 medical transports, 11 of which were to the emergency room.

There was 1 Correctional Emergency Unit activation this month for non-compliant behavior during a cell search.

There were 208 Video Conferencing Hearings in August.

The Acting Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 534
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 57%
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 39%
- Inmates on suicide watch: 11%

The Acting Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mentally Ill Individuals: 75 (60 male, 15 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 19
- Inmates awaiting a bed at N.S.H.: 1
- New court-ordered commitments to N.S.H.: 1

Acting Warden Holland reported that in the month of August a total of \$6,988.82 was collected for inmate booking fees and a total of \$1,616.51 was collected for inmate financial responsibilities.

Programming, including the Thinking for a Change and MAT programs, continue as scheduled at the Prison.

Lastly, it was reported that the Prison currently has 6 staff members in the process of completing the training academy and 10 recent graduates, with 11 applicant interviews currently scheduled.

7. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

DISCUSSION

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeffrey Martin expressed concerns about the treatment of his wife while she is in the prison.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Controller Reif made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Kichline. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

