

BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES  
BERKS COUNTY SERVICES CENTER  
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
FEBRUARY 12, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Leinbach called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt  
Commissioner Christian Leinbach  
Commissioner Mark Scott  
Controller Sandy Graffius  
Sheriff Eric Weaknecht  
Judge Scott Lash

The following member was absent:

District Attorney John Adams

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler  
Chief Operations Officer Carl Geffken  
Berks Pre-Trial Services - Peggy Kershner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Jail Senior Staff Reports:

The Board was updated on the Federal Communication Council attempt to put a cap on inmate telephone rates. A cap was put into effect as of February 7, 2014 on out-of-state calls. A stay was granted on a cap for calls made within the state.

Mr. Wetzel, Director of Human Resources will put together a draft for the position of Warden which will be sent to members of the Board for their approval. The Board discussed organizing a committee of five representing those in and outside the county to review resumes received. Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Leinbach to authorize advertising the position of Warden for the Berks County Jail. Motion carried.

Deputy Brown said in the past the Reading Fair depended on jail staff to put up the tents for the Fair. It was agreed that jail staff would work alongside Reading Fair staff to set up the tents this year. The Reading Fair Board said they would solicit volunteers to take over putting up the tents next year.

The same procedure would apply to Earth Day at River Park in April, 2014.

A power outage, caused by trees in the area, was reported at the CRC. Quotes are being obtained to clean out the trees around the power line.

Deputy Brown said the CRC heating system is not on the emergency generator. Quotes for a generator are being obtained but it appears to be under \$5000.

Chief Deputy Quigley said a correspondent from 69 News was coming to the jail today to do a feature on a one-on-one program provided by Berks Connection. Peggy Kershner thanked the Board for their cooperation in allowing 69 News to do this feature which gives exposure to the volunteer programs provided by the agency.

Solicitor's Report: Nothing to report.

GOOD & WELFARE: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 9:26 a.m. Board reconvened 10:04 a.m. at which time Mr. Leinbach moved, second by Mr. Scott to appoint Chief Deputy Janine Quigley, Acting Warden and to include a pay increase commensurate with the position. Motion carried.

The next Prison Board meeting will be March 12, 2014 in the Special Operations Center, Berks County Jail.

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Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board