

BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES
BERKS COUNTY SERVICES CENTER
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
APRIL 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Barnhardt 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
Judge Scott Lash
Sheriff Eric Weaknecht
District Attorney John Adams

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler
Peggy Kershner, Berks Pre-Trial Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS: Warden Quigley introduced Rochelle O'Herrich who is the Litigation and Policy Coordinator for the jail

The Warden said the jail population for the first quarter of 2013 was 11051; 2014, 11041; and 2015, 11098. Population had increased; however, appears to be going down. The population in March population was at 11070.

The jail the renovations were accelerated with completion moved to a month ahead of schedule. Mr. Adams asked about the space included in the renovations for interview rooms. Attorneys have a difficult time finding locations to meet with their clients. Warden Quigley responded that it is in the plans for early 2016. The Board agreed with the need to expedite the renovations and discussed ways to make this space available this year. Warden Quigley will complete a report for the next meeting to include the time and cost of work being completed by contractors compared to having the work done internally.

Another concern discussed was having a recreation yard for quarantine unit, as was found to be non-compliant with the DOC Report. The Warden plans to have the necessary specs and a plan in place before the next inspection in August.

A review of the Conditions Assessment proposals was completed. Evaluation results were sent to the purchasing department on April 7, 2015. The target start date for this project is May or June, 2015.

The Warden set the target date for completion of PRA-Audit the first quarter of 2016. The audit is required to be completed by August, 2016.

Nine candidates graduated from the academy on April 1st. There are currently 7 vacancies.

Solicitor's Report: Nothing to report.

GOOD & WELFARE: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be May 13, 2015 in the Commissioners' Board Room, Berks County Services Center.

Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board