

BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES
BERKS COUNTY SERVICES CENTER
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
AUGUST 12, 2015

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

The following members were in attendance:

Commissioner Christian Leinbach
Commissioner Mark Scott
Controller Sandy Graffius
Judge Scott Lash
District Attorney John Adams

The following members were absent:

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt
Sheriff Eric Weaknecht

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 8, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

WARDEN REPORT:

Warden Quigley said the DOC inspection went well and the minor issues are easily fixed. The official written report will be issued within 20 days.

The Board discussed the quarantine unit recreation plan.

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Deputy Jeffrey Smith indicated there are 9 CO vacancies, 11 cadets currently in the Academy and 21 applicants were given conditional offers of employment. The next academy is scheduled to begin October 7th and pre-employment testing will be scheduled in either November or December.

Deputy Kyle Russell stated the renovations are coming to a close. Estimates for the renovations of the custody wing and the professional visitor area are under consideration. A discussion took place regarding the necessity of these renovations.

Deputy Stephanie Smith spoke about the Cross-Systems Mapping & Taking Action for Change session on September 16-17; sponsored by the Pennsylvania Mental Health and Justice Center of Excellence and the County of Berks Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Christine Sadler said the current Teamsters' contract expires at the end of 2015 and negotiations for the new contract have begun.

GOOD & WELFARE: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 9:17 a.m. into the Executive Session which adjourned at 9:29 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be September 9, 2015 at the Special Operations Center at the Berks County Jail.

Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board