

BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES
BERKS COUNTY SERVICES CENTER
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
OCTOBER 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Commissioner Christian Leinbach
Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt
Controller Sandy Graffius
Judge Scott Lash
District Attorney John Adams
Chief Deputy Sheriff Bryant Semenza, on behalf of Sheriff Eric Weaknecht

The following members were absent:

Commissioner Mark Scott

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting were approved as presented. The meeting scheduled for September 9, 2015 was cancelled for want of a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

WARDEN REPORT:

Warden Janine Quigley reported the senior management staff received Incident Command Training the previous week from representatives of the Department of Corrections staff. The jail will be conducting a tabletop emergency exercise with several law enforcement and community partners in attendance, the week of October 19.

Warden Quigley said the position of Facilities Manager would be filled by the end of October.

Warden Quigley indicated there are 3 correctional officer vacancies and 10 cadets currently in the Academy. The next academy is scheduled to begin January 20, 2016.

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS:

Deputy Stephanie Smith spoke about the Re-entry Strategic Planning event later in the month; which is funded through a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency.

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Deputy Kyle Russell stated the renovations should be closing by year end. Russell added that the Conditions Assessment at the jail was awarded to CDI Kimball and the Perimeter Security Assessment was conducted by Burns & McDonnell.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Nothing to report

GOOD & WELFARE: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 9:25 a.m. into the Executive Session which adjourned at 9:33 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be November 4, 2015 in the Commissioners' Board Room, Berks County Services Center.

Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board