

BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES
BERKS COUNTY SERVICES CENTER
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
DECEMBER 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt
Commissioner Christian Leinbach
Commissioner Mark Scott
Controller Sandy Graffius
District Attorney John Adams
Judge Scott Lash
Sheriff Eric Weaknecht

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

WARDEN REPORT:

Warden Quigley spoke about the Cross-Systems Mapping meeting; next year's goal is to keep potential mental health inmates out of the jail system or to guide them to the appropriate care within the jail system.

The Warden introduced the new Facility Manager, Dorn Reppert.

The Warden also discussed the Criminal Justice Strategic Planning committee's goal to establish a plan by June to improve the Criminal Justice System by standardizing the language and risk assessment.

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Deputy Jeffrey Smith indicated there are 5 correctional officer vacancies and 9 applicants waiting for remaining background checks and post offer assessments to be completed. The next academy is potentially scheduled on January 20, 2016.

Deputy Kyle Russell updated the Board on the following renovation projects:

- Conditions Assessment - Onsite portion of the project is complete.
- Preliminary Security Assessment - Expect final report from the company.
- Infrastructure and Security Upgrade Project - Contractor added more staff, hoping for a quicker resolution.

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Deputy Russell explained the issue with the paint, purchased from Sherwin Williams, that was not properly adhering to the walls throughout the jail. Sherwin Williams tested a sample of the paint in the lab and established that no primer was within the paint. The County is working on getting the primer tested by an independent company to verify what was sold was primer.

Deputy Stephanie Smith spoke about the preparation for the holiday events including: Collection of donations from chapel and a scheduled distribution of gifts for inmates, the CRC annual holiday event will also allow eleven inmates to take part in a holiday visit with their children.

The Board discussed the auction of farm type equipment.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

GOOD & WELFARE: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 9:10 a.m. into the Executive Session which adjourned at 9:16 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be January 13, 2016 in the Commissioners' Board Room, Berks County Services Center.

Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board