

**BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES
BERKS COUNTY SERVICES CENTER
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
DECEMBER 14, 2016**

The Berks County Prison Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. Special Operations Center at the Berks County Jail, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 8:58 A.M.

The following members were in attendance:

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

The following members were absent:

Commissioner Mark Scott

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler
Chief Administrative Officer Ronald Seaman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 9, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

Warden Quigley stated the inmate population was 980. Of the population reported, 2 juveniles were in Chester County, 12 inmates were being held for Schuylkill County and 43 inmates were technical parole violators. Warden Quigley mentioned she received an inquiry asking if the Jail could potentially house more technical parole violators. She confirmed the availability.

Chief Deputy Warden Jeffrey Smith reported the staffing update: 4 correctional officer vacancies, next testing scheduled January 21 and academy scheduled to start February 1. A discussion took place regarding potentially adding additional full time temporary positions.

Deputy Warden Kyle Russell updated the Board on the conditions assessment from CDI Kimball, stating Facilities had completed the final review of the draft for phase 1 and phase 2. The Solicitor's office will then review and finalize the agreement.

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Deputy Russell discussed the upgrades to the inmate telephone system which will improve call recordings and the playbacks. This will provide better access to phone recordings for the District Attorney's office and the surrounding jurisdictions for investigations. Launch is expected in early January.

The Professional Visitor Interview Rooms renovation project was in its final stages. A tour of the facility was scheduled after the meeting.

Deputy Warden Smith updated the Board on programs: The first session of the Family Program, with 3 participating inmates and their families, was almost complete. The second sessions was scheduled to start the end of December.

Four more evidence based programs were scheduled to start in January 2017.

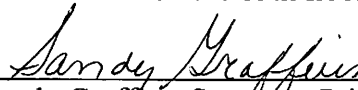
SOLICITOR'S REPORT

COMMENTS FROM THE JAIL BOARD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:06 a.m. into the Executive Session which adjourned at 9:12 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be January 11, 2017 in the Boardroom on the 13th floor of the Berks County Services Center.



Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board