

BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES  
BERKS COUNTY SERVICES CENTER  
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt  
Commissioner Christian Leinbach  
Controller Sandy Graffius  
Judge Scott Lash

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January 13, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

WARDEN REPORT:

Warden Janine Quigley reported a Prison Rape Elimination Act auditor will be available in June to conduct an audit of the jail system including the CRC to check compliance with PREA standards. The preliminary contract for audit services was received. The initial quote is between \$7,000 and \$8,000 with a budget of \$10,000. Final compliance must be in place by August 14, 2016.

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Deputy Jeffrey Smith reported there are two correctional officer and one sergeant vacancies. Five cadets started the academy in January and should graduate in April 2016.

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

- Infrastructure and Security Upgrade Project – Working on punch list items
- Preliminary Security Assessment – Reviewing initial draft assessment
- Conditions Assessment – Reviewing initial draft assessment

Warden Quigley and Deputy Stephanie Smith attended the January 26, 2016 meeting with the County Assistance office. This meeting addressed the feasibility and processes to have several inmates already identified as severely mentally ill, set up to apply for medical assistance and receive the assistance immediately upon release. The mission is to mirror the existing program used for the drug and alcohol abuse population. Warden Quigley is willing to have Jail staff fill out paperwork to assist in the process. The County Assistance office will follow up with the Jail.

Mr. Barnhardt mentioned that the Opioid Taskforce would contact PrimeCare and Jail staff to gather data on opiates and treatment within the jail system.

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Ms. Quigley responded to a follow up request regarding the housing of State Parole Violators: The number of state technical parole violators in the jail is currently 85 inmates. The number of State TPV inmates has been capped to 50.

Ms. Quigley communicated the potential for housing juveniles charged as adults from other counties, in a unit separated from the adult inmates. This could fully utilize the units and offset some of the lost income as the housing of State TPV decreases. Ms. Quigley plans to contact other counties to possibly offer assistance in housing their juvenile inmates.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

GOOD & WELFARE: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 9:15 a.m. into the Executive Session which adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be March 9, 2016 in the Special Operations Center at the Berks County Jail.

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Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board