

**BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES**  
**MARCH 8, 2017**

The Berks County Prison Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the 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 9:00 A.M.

The following members were in attendance:

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

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 February 8, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

Warden Janine Quigley stated the inmate population was 976. Of the population reported, 86 inmates were residing in Community Reentry Center, 2 juveniles were in Chester County, 16 inmates were being held for Schuylkill County and 36 inmates were technical parole violators.

Chief Deputy Warden Jeffrey Smith reported the staffing update: 4 correctional officer vacancies; 10 cadets started in the academy expected to graduate April 4, 2017.

Deputy Warden Kyle Russell updated the Board on the renovation or new construction project of the 1933 and 1993 portions of the jail. They met CDI Kimball at York County Correctional facility to view and discuss the different successful designs in their facility. A follow-up meeting with CDI Kimball was scheduled the following Friday.

Deputy Russell updated the Board on the renovation project of the driveway and sidewalk for visitors. They were waiting for the final driveway design from Arrow Consulting. A discussion took place about the location of the driveway.

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Deputy Warden Stephanie Smith updated the Board on the Family Program stating six cycles are scheduled for 2017, the first session being held in April, 2017.

Deputy Smith informed the Board that all custody staff will be trained in Core Correctional Practices between February 28, 2017 and March 30, 2017. Core Correctional Practices reviews best practices and evidence-based models to reduce recidivism in the inmate population

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None.

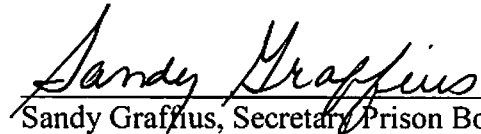
**COMMENTS FROM THE JAIL BOARD**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 9:05 a.m. into the Executive Session which adjourned at 9:29 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be April 12, 2017 in the Board room on the 13th Floor of the Berks County Services Center.

  
Sandy Graffius, Secretary, Prison Board