

# **BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES**

## **JULY 31, 2019**

The Berks County Prison Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Board Room on the 13th Floor of the Berks County Services Center, 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 Sandra 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:

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Solicitor Chad Schnee  
Human Resources Director Jessica Weaknecht  
Chief Administrative Officer Ronald Seaman

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The June 26, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

**INMATE POPULATION:** Warden Janine Quigley stated the inmate population was 1,037. Of the population reported, 153 were female inmates. To adjust to the rising female inmate population, a male unit was converted into a female unit. As a result, they were not able to accept technical parole violators from the State due to crowding in the male unit. To prepare for an upwards trend of the female population, the Warden considered the use of open contracts with other County Jails, to house Berks County inmates, as a last resort. Commissioner Barnhardt added that this situation should be considered in the future for a new jail. He emphasized that a unit that can alternate from male to female should be considered in the design plan.

**STAFFING:** Chief Deputy Smith updated the Board on the status of the staffing; there were nine correctional officer vacancies and two sergeant vacancies. Eight cadets were enrolled in the academy and were scheduled to graduate October 16, 2019. The next correctional officer testing was scheduled August 20, 2019 with a tentative academy start date of October 30, 2019. Commissioner Barnhardt asked how many applicants were signed up for testing on August 20. Kelly Stumpf, Senior Human Resources Generalist answered; about 10 candidates were registered.

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INTRODUCTION: The Warden introduced the new Deputy Warden of Operation, Mike Buono.

PCCD GRANTS: Deputy Warden Stephanie Smith announced that the official award for the Vivitrol grant was received on July 19, 2019. She stated the full amount of \$483,272.00 was awarded for a 2-year period. The Council of Chemical Abuse (COCA) and Treatment Access and Services Center of Berks County (TASC) will provide case management services. Deputy Smith expects to start the provision of Vivitrol in September.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM THE JAIL BOARD**

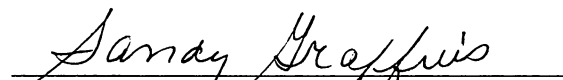
CHAPTER 95 INSPECTION: Commissioner Barnhardt announced that the Jail received 100% compliance for the State inspection and commended the Warden and staff. An inspection will not be required the following year because of the perfect score. Commissioner Barnhardt mentioned that he did not believe there were many counties in the Commonwealth that complete this inspection and earn 100 % compliance, without having to make adjustments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 9:11 A.M. The next Prison Board meeting will be held August 28, 2019 in the Special Operations Center at the Berks County Jail.

  
Sandy Graffius, Prison Board Secretary