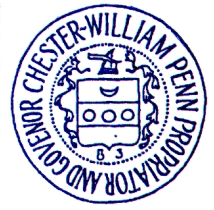




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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

August 31, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair of the Prison Board Commissioner Josh Maxwell called the Prison Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 1:02 PM at the Chester County Prison. In addition to Commissioner Maxwell, the following board members were also in attendance: Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, President Judge John Hall, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, Controller Margaret Reif and District Attorney Deb Ryan.

CALL TO ORDER

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

President Judge Hall made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on July 29, 2022. Sheriff Maddox seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2022 Prison Board Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

There was no public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

President Judge Hall made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sheriff Maddox seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the August 31, 2022 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. MONTHLY REPORT

Deputy Warden George Roberts presented the monthly update on the Prison for July 2022, noting that the average daily inmate population was 613, as compared to 592 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

Deputy Warden Roberts noted that on July 31, 2022 there were 613 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 105
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 5
- Approximately 307 inmates were held for court, 122 for preliminary hearings, and 23 were held on a Balance of Max.

The Deputy Warden reported that there were no juvenile offenders this month.

A total of 121 arrestees were brought in to Central Booking by 24 different law enforcement agencies, as compared to 122 arrestees brought in by 30 agencies during July 2021.

In July 2022, the Correctional Center had an average daily population of 14, as compared to a population of 28 in the previous year.

There were 37 medical transports, with 9 being to the Emergency Room.

There were no Correctional Emergency Unit activations in July.

There were 187 Video Conferencing Hearings this month, as compared to 192 Video Conferencing Hearings in July 2021.

The Deputy Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 397
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 242
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 216
- Inmates on suicide watch: 6%

The Deputy Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 59 (50 male, 9 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 12

It was noted that the Thinking for a Change and Drug and Alcohol services programs are ongoing at this time. The GED Program was on pause for the summer and is scheduled to resume in the fall. The Stress and Anger Management program are also scheduled to start in the fall. Programs are ongoing at a limited rate and utilizing zoom capabilities due to COVID-19 concerns and the priority of keeping the case count low.

The Prison currently has 72 open positions, with 53 openings being for Correctional Officer Is. It was reported that 19 officers attended developmental courses.

The Deputy Warden reported that in July 2022, 2 new employees have been hired, while 2 employees have left. He also noted that one retirement is planned in August of 2022.

The Deputy Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics for July:

- Staff confirmed positives: 11 (11 recovered)
- Inmate confirmed positives: 21 (21 recovered)
- Today, confirmed positives include 4 staff and 35 inmates

COVID-19 vaccinations remain available for inmates. Currently, about 70% of staff and about 30% of inmates have received some level of vaccination.

6. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

DISCUSSION

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

Sheriff Maddox made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by President Judge Hall. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT