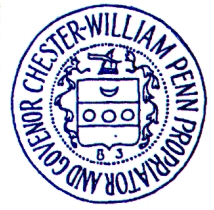




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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

October 26, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Prison Board was called to order at 2:01 PM on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 in the Commissioners' Boardroom by the Chair of the Board of the Prison Board, Josh Maxwell. Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, President Judge John Hall, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, District Attorney Deb Ryan, and Controller Margaret Reif were also present.

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 September 28, 2022. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the September 28, 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

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adopt the agenda. President Judge Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the October 26, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for September 2022, noting that the average daily inmate population was 631, as compared to 654 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on September 31, 2022 there were 619 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 105
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 6
- Approximately 309 inmates held for court, 120 for preliminary hearing, and 20 were held on a Balance of Max.

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

A total of 134 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 34 different

agencies.

The Correctional Center for September had an average daily population of 18, as compared to a daily population of 32 in September of 2021. Today the total is 26.

There were 26 medical transports, with 7 being to the emergency room.

There was 1 Correctional Emergency Unit activation for non-compliant behavior.

There were 188 Video Conferencing Hearings this month, compared to 220 in September 2021.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 389
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 236
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 251
- Inmates on suicide watch: 41

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 59 (49 male, 10 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 15
- Inmates awaiting a bed at N.S.H.: 2

It was noted that the Thinking for a Change and Drug and Alcohol services programs are on-going at this time. Warden Phillips informed the Board that he is a meeting with a Chaplain tomorrow, October 27, 2022, to discuss a COVID-protocol friendly way to reintroduce religious services into the Prison.

It was also noted that Chester County Prison participated in a spotlight survey for mental health. The Warden introduced Elaine Ziegler, Mental Health Manager for Chester County Prison. She gave a brief presentation on the services she oversees at the Prison for those struggling with mental illness.

The Prison currently has 71 open positions, with 54 openings being for Correctional Officer Is. The Warden reported that 6 individuals will be starting their academy in the upcoming weeks.

The Warden informed the Board that the PA Department of Corrections completed their inspection of the Prison, and found the Prison to be fully compliant. Formal paperwork will be arriving to the Warden to indicate their findings.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics:

- Staff confirmed positives: 19 (19 recovered)
- Today, confirmed positives include 0 staff and inmates.

The Warden stated that as of today the count is 622, compared to 651 at this

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time last year.

Controller Reif asked the Warden if he was aware of pending legislation at the state level regarding incarcerated pregnant women, to which he informed her he is and a small discussed of the Board took place over what parameters may be included in the pending legislation.

6. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by President Judge Hall. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.

ADJOURNMENT