

**BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES
BERKS COUNTY SERVICES CENTER
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
NOVEMBER 9, 2016**

The Berks County Prison Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom 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 9:01 A.M.

The following members were in attendance:

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt
Controller Sandy Graffius
Judge Scott Lash
Sheriff Eric Weaknecht

The following members were absent:

Commissioner Christian Leinbach
Commissioner Mark Scott
District Attorney John Adams

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 12, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

Warden Quigley announced Deputy Warden Stephanie Smith was the recipient of the Francis "Fran" Drexler Public Safety Award presented by the Council on Chemical Abuse.

Warden Quigley stated the inmate population was 1,037. Of the population reported, 38 inmates were technical parole violators and 97 were residing in the Community Reentry Center.

Chief Deputy Warden Jeffrey Smith reported the staffing update: 2 correctional officer vacancies, 9 cadets started the academy October 19, 6 cadets pending medical screens were scheduled to start November 30. A discussion took place regarding staffing and training.

Deputy Warden Kyle Russell updated the Board on the Professional Visitor Interview Rooms renovation project, stating the project was three quarters complete. Deputy Russell mentioned the back end of the jail had been cleaned out thanks to the metal recycling contract.

CDI Kimball was working on an analysis of the renovations or new construction of the 1933 and 1993 portions of the jail. Deputy Russell received a draft of the agreement for the purchasing team to review before execution. A discussion took place about project management.

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Deputy Warden Smith updated the Board on programs: Mental Health First Aid training was provided to all supervisors as well as the SOG team. The medication assistant treatment program which started last month had successfully inducted two inmates into the program. The first cycle of the Family Program was scheduled to start the following week.

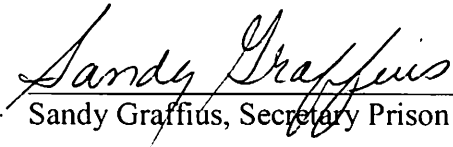
SOLICITOR'S REPORT

COMMENTS FROM THE JAIL BOARD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:10 a.m. into the Executive Session which adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be December 14, 2016 in the Special Operations Center at the Berks County Jail.


Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board