

BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2017

The Berks County Prison Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 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
Controller Sandy Graffius
Judge Scott Lash
Sheriff Eric Weaknecht
District Attorney John Adams

The following members were absent:

Commissioner Mark Scott
Commissioner Christian Leinbach

The following County staff also attended:

Chief Administrative Officer Ronald Seaman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 13, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

Warden Janine Quigley stated the inmate population was 1,056. Of the population reported, 9 inmates were being held for Schuylkill County and 46 inmates were technical parole violators from the State. The Warden mentioned C-unit had been opened to accommodate 480 mental health inmates that required placement in a separate unit. Of the mental health population, 80 inmates were considered seriously mentally ill.

The Warden stated that half of the Community Reentry Center had been closed due to an issue with the air conditioner units. The parts necessary for the repair had been ordered.

Chief Deputy Warden Jeffrey Smith updated the Board on the status of the staff. There were 3 correctional officer vacancies. Five cadets began the academy and were scheduled to graduate October 30. Eleven applicants are scheduled to begin the academy October 25 and graduate December 26.

Deputy Warden Kyle Russell reported that the Business Manager position and the Account Clerk II position were filled.

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Deputy Warden Stephanie Smith informed the Board that an evaluation will be held for the mental health programs and systems implemented over the last year. The evaluation will identify effectiveness and areas in need of improvement.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE JAIL BOARD

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:04 a.m. The next Prison Board meeting will be held November 8, 2017 in the Commissioners' Board Room on the 13th Floor of the Berks County Services Center.


Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board