

# **BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES**

## **AUGUST 9, 2017**

The Berks County Prison Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 12, 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  
Judge Scott Lash  
Sheriff Eric Weaknecht  
Deputy Controller Ronald Rutkowski on  
behalf of Sandy Graffius

The following members were absent:

Commissioner Christian Leinbach  
Commissioner Mark Scott  
Controller Sandy Graffius  
District Attorney John Adams

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler  
Chief Administrative Officer Ronald Seaman

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The July 12, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shannon Kozik, of West Reading, made a statement to the Prison Board.

### **JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

Warden Janine Quigley stated the inmate population was 1,037. Of the population reported, 73 reside at the Community Reentry Center, 12 inmates were being held for Schuylkill County and 34 inmates were technical parole violators from the State. The juvenile unit remained closed.

Warden Quigley reported that Justin Loose, IT Director; Dr. Edward Mihalik, MH/DD Director; and the Warden were selected to receive assistance for Data Driven Justice and Behavioral Health designs. They plan to develop an action plan in Berks County to meet the needs of people, who routinely use the behavioral health system to guide them towards treatment versus incarceration. The event is scheduled in Maryland in September.

Chief Deputy Warden Jeffrey Smith reported on the staffing update. There were 6 correctional officer vacancies. Twelve cadets were in the academy and graduation was scheduled August 16. The next academy was scheduled August 30 with 5 potential cadets dependent on backgrounds, physicals and psychological testing. The next correctional officer testing was scheduled September 6.

Deputy Warden Kyle Russell reported that three video conference units had been installed in the housing units at the jail.

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Deputy Warden Stephanie Smith informed the Board that the Bureau of Community Corrections held an audit on July 24 for the Technical Parole Violator program.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Sadler reported that the next arbitration was scheduled for the following Wednesday regarding time and attendance violations. Two additional arbitrations were scheduled for September.

**COMMENTS FROM THE JAIL BOARD**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Prison Board meeting will be held September 13, 2017 in the Community Reentry Center, Training Classroom #300 at the Berks County Jail.

  
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Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board