

BERKS COUNTY PRISON BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2017

The Berks County Prison Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Special Operations Center at the Berks County Jail, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 8:59 A.M.

The following members were in attendance:

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt
Controller Sandy Graffius
Judge Scott Lash
District Attorney John Adams

The following members were absent:

Commissioner Christian Leinbach
Commissioner Mark Scott
Sheriff Eric Weaknecht

The following County staff also attended:

Solicitor Christine Sadler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 10, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

JAIL SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

Warden Janine Quigley stated the inmate population was 942. Of the population reported, 809 were male and 133 were female; 100 inmates were residing in the Community Reentry Center, 18 inmates were being held for Schuylkill County and 33 inmates were technical parole violators. No juveniles were being held in the system at that time.

Warden Quigley informed the Board that an inmate with ongoing litigation issues with Berks County was being held in the Berks County Jail by court order.

Warden Quigley notified the Board that she presented a request for 9 additional staff to the Board of Commissioners, the Department of Human Resources and the Office of Budget and Finance. The determination was scheduled to be made at the Salary Board meeting on June 15, 2017.

Warden Quigley reported that the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections inspection was completed on June 13, 2017. A discussion took place about the results of the inspection.

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Chief Deputy Warden Jeffrey Smith reported the staffing update: 10 correctional officer vacancies; 16 cadets pending psychological testing for the next academy scheduled June 28; next graduation scheduled August 16; next correctional officer testing scheduled mid-July.

Deputy Warden Kyle Russell updated the Board on the following projects:

The Engineers Design and Repair Work presentation for the main driveway and the Heister's Mansion driveway was scheduled for the Budget Operations meeting on June 22, 2017.

The CDI Kimball presentation, reviewing the analysis of the renovations or new construction of the 1933 and 1993 portions of the jail, was scheduled for the Budget Operations meeting on August 3, 2017.

A quote from Guardian RFID was being finalized for an electronic inmate management system funded primarily by CCAP. A discussion took place regarding the functions of the system.

Deputy Warden Stephanie Smith updated the Board on the implementation of the evidence-based programs and described the incremental training process involved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Sadler stated the Teamsters arbitration award was issued. The arbitration was found in favor of the County. A discussion took place about the effects of the award.

Item for Executive session for personnel reasons. No action necessary.

COMMENTS FROM THE JAIL BOARD

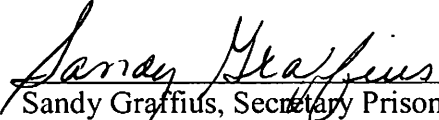
None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned at 9:16 a.m. into Executive session for personnel reasons, which adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Prison Board meeting will be held July 12, 2017 in the Commissioners' Board Room on the 13th Floor of the Berks County Services Center.


Sandy Graffius, Secretary Prison Board