

Fayette County Prison Board
Minutes of February 8, 2019 Meeting

A meeting of the Prison Board took place on Friday, February 8, 2019. It was held in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

The meeting was Called to Order at 9:20 am by Sheriff Custer. At Roll Call the following members were present and constituted a quorum: Sheriff James Custer, Commissioner Dave Lohr, Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink, and Controller Scott Abraham. Members absent at roll call were: Commissioner Vince Vicites, Judge Steve Leskinen, and DA Rich Bower. (Note: Commissioner Vince Vicites and Judge Leskinen later joined the meeting, at 9:24 and 9:32, respectively). Also present were: Attorney Jack Purcell, HR Director Cristi Spiker, Warden Jeff Myers, and Assistant Chief Adult Probation Officer Jim Kovacs.

Sheriff Custer led the Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 2018 and January 3, 2019 Special Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Dave Lohr and seconded by Controller Scott Abraham to approve the meeting minutes of December 2018 and the January 3, 2019 Special Meeting.

Sheriff Custer	aye
Commissioner Lohr	aye
Commissioner Zimmerlink	aye
Controller Abraham	aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 4-0

Approval of the December bills

Moved by Controller Scott Abraham and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the November bills.

Sheriff Custer	aye
Commissioner Vicites	aye
Commissioner Lohr	aye
Commissioner Zimmerlink	aye
Judge Leskinen	aye
Controller Abraham	aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 6-0

Population Report for December 2018

Warden Jeff Myers reported at present there are 176 males and 32 females in house. There are an additional 3 inmates (2 male and 1 female) housed outside of Fayette County, in Greene County; all are Court ordered. Warden Myers noted that the current population is up due to it being criminal court week.

Update on Maintenance Repair

Warden Jeff Myers provided the report as attached. He noted that maintenance in the prison continues to go well. Motors have been installed on cell doors and every cell is operational. Toilets are being retrofitted and installed. Warden Myers noted that the next order of business is improving housekeeping services. He added that, in another month, 10 more motors should be available. Commissioner Lohr commended Warden Myers for procuring equipment from SCI Greensburg.

Intermediate Punishment Program Report

Jim Kovacs of Adult Probation reviewed his report as attached. For the month of January, there were 196 on probation. Controller Abraham inquired about the number of monitors available for use. Kovacs explained that all monitoring equipment is leased; at present, the County has approximately 250 monitor. Commissioner Lohr inquired as to whether there have been any major issues. Kovacs responded that there have been no major issues.

Moved by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Controller Abraham to approve the IP Plan for 2019.

Sheriff Custer	aye
Commissioner Vicites	aye
Commissioner Lohr	aye
Commissioner Zimmerlink	aye
Judge Leskinen	aye
Controller Abraham	aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 6-0

Courts: Sheriff Custer noted that Tammie Lambie has left her position at Fayette County and is now working for Somerset County. Appreciation for her years of service was noted.

New/Old Business: Warden Myers noted a joint effort with CYS to bring additional programming into the prison. For example, at the end of February/beginning of March, the prison will have the beginning stages of a parenting group. In addition, Warden Myers noted that GTL (phone supplier for the prison) is providing 37 tablets for use by prisoners, at no cost to the County. Tablets will have appropriate restrictions installed. Prisoners will be able to engage in remote visits via the tablets, as well as having the ability access educational programming.

Personnel

Moved by Controller Abraham and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to go into Executive Session.

Sheriff Custer	aye
Commissioner Vicites	aye
Commissioner Lohr	aye
Commissioner Zimmerlink	aye
Judge Leskinen	aye
Controller Abraham	aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 6-0

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:36 am. During Executive Session, the Board amended the agenda to: a) remove Kimberly Strickler from consideration for hire and b) to hire three Full-Time Sergeants. While in Executive Session, the Board also discussed disciplinary action in another matter with no further action taken. The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:17 am.

Moved by Judge Leskinen and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to accept the resignation of Jonathan Foreman, Part-Time Officer, effective February 5, 2019.

Sheriff Custer	aye
Commissioner Vicites	aye
Commissioner Lohr	aye
Commissioner Zimmerlink	aye
Judge Leskinen	aye
Controller Abraham	aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 6-0

Moved by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Judge Leskinen to hire Ronald Swaney as a Full-Time Sergeant, effective February 24, 2019, at a rate of \$21.73 per hour, with an annual rate of \$45,198.40.

Sheriff Custer	aye
Commissioner Vicites	aye
Commissioner Lohr	aye
Commissioner Zimmerlink	abstain
Judge Leskinen	aye
Controller Abraham	aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 5-0, with one abstention

Moved by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Judge Leskinen to hire Jeff Meyers as a Full-Time Sergeant, effective February 24, 2019, at a rate of \$21.73 per hour, with an annual rate of \$45,198.40.

Sheriff Custer	aye
Commissioner Vicites	aye
Commissioner Lohr	aye
Commissioner Zimmerlink	abstain
Judge Leskinen	aye
Controller Abraham	aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 5-0, with one abstention

Moved by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Judge Leskinen to hire Clyde Branson as a Full-Time Sergeant, effective February 24, 2019, at a rate of \$21.73 per hour, with an annual rate of \$45,198.40.

Sheriff Custer	aye
Commissioner Vicites	aye
Commissioner Lohr	aye
Commissioner Zimmerlink	abstain
Judge Leskinen	aye
Controller Abraham	aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 5-0, with one abstention

HR Director Spiker noted that \$21.73 is the starting rate for Sergeant, and that all those being hired will retain their longevity.

Moved by Sheriff Custer and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to hire Part-Time Officer John Cole as a Full-Time Officer, effective February 24, 2019, at a rate of \$18.45 per hour, with an annual rate of \$38,376.00.

Sheriff Custer	aye
Commissioner Vicites	aye
Commissioner Lohr	aye
Commissioner Zimmerlink	abstain
Judge Leskinen	aye
Controller Abraham	aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 5-0, with one abstention

Public Comment: None

Moved by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Judge Leskinen to adjourn meeting

Sheriff Custer	aye
Commissioner Vicites	aye
Commissioner Lohr	aye
Commissioner Zimmerlink	aye
DA Bower	aye
Controller Abraham	aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.