



Fayette County Jail
McClellandtown Road
Uniontown, Pennsylvania
15401

Jail Board of Inspectors
Sheriff James Custer (Chair)
Commissioner Scott Dunn
Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites
Commissioner Dave Lohr
Judge Stephen Leskinen
District Attorney Michael Aubele
Controller Robb Rhodes

Minutes

Fayette County Jail Board of Inspectors
February 26, 2025 Regular Meeting

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Fayette County Jail Board took place on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. It was held in the Commissioners Conference Room at the Fayette County Courthouse, as well as virtually via ZOOM.

The meeting was **Called to Order** at 9:16 am by Commissioner Scott Dunn.

At **Roll Call**, the following members were present and constituted a quorum: Commissioner Scott Dunn, Commissioner Vince Vicites, Commissioner Dave Lohr, Controller Robb Rhodes and District Attorney Michael Aubele. Judge Stephen Leskinen entered the meeting at 9:22 during the Courts report. Absent was Sheriff James Custer..

Also present: Solicitor Jack Purcell, Warden John Lenkey, Adult Probation Officer Jim Kovacs, Juvenile Probation Officer Leroy Townsend, HR Director Cristi Spiker, Jail HR personnel Mel Patty, CYS Director Gina D'Auria (virtual) Drug & Alcohol Director Melissa Ferris (virtual), Mary Over - Chief of Staff for Commissioner Vicites and Tammy Nedrow - Chief of Staff for Commissioner Dunn.

Commissioner Dunn led the **Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Public Comment on Agenda Items: NONE

Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2025 2024 Regular Meeting

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **Commissioner Lohr** to approve the meeting minutes of the January 29, 2025 Regular meeting.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
District Attorney Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye

**Motion Carried
Unanimously**

5-0

Approval of February 2025 Bills

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **D. A. Aubele** to approve **February 2025** bills.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
District Attorney Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	5-0
Unanimously	

Warden Population Report for February 2025

Warden Lenkey reported that as of today, there are a total of **215** inmates, with **160** males and **55** females. **Six adult** inmates are currently housed outside of Fayette County with Two Males being at Greene, Two Males and One Female being at Torrence and One male at Somerset. We are also housing One male from Somerset and One male from Washington here. One male juvenile is housed at Camp Hill.

Adult Probation - Intermediate Punishment Program Report

Adult Probation Officer Jim Kovacs reported that for the month of January 2025 there were a total of 290 active offenders on probation, resulting in 6,774 incarceration days saved. There were 61 electronic monitoring (EM) installations, and 21 disconnects.

The invoice for Restrictive Intermediate Punishment treatment for the month of January 2025 was \$4,027.77 paid to the Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission. Medical Assistance paid a sum of \$4,572.82.

Juvenile Probation

Juvenile Probation Officer Townsend reported that there are currently **12** juveniles in placement, **1** in detention at Jefferson County and **3** juveniles on electronic monitoring.

Courts

Judge Leskinen reported about a Judicial Seminar and noted that the Fayette County IGNITE program was mentioned.

CYS

Director Gina D'Auria had nothing to report.

Drug and Alcohol

Director Melissa Ferris reported the services are still being offered with no delays. She is still trying to hire a Certified Recovery Specialist. Discussion from Judge Leskinen about DOJ educating judges on MOUD (Medical Opioid Use Disorder) and eventual mandate of treatment. Warden Lenkey reported that this is already in the works at Fayette County, that it is included in the PrimeCare contract.

He anticipates it to be started in our facility by April. Director Ferris was unaware, but happy to hear this news.

Old / New Business

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IGNITE

Warden Lenkey reported that officials from Butler Jail had visited our facility to learn more about the IGNITE program as they are looking to implement it as well. The next graduation ceremony at Fayette County is planned for March 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Personnel

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Anna Zajack, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 18, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Michael Alexander, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 18, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Michael Zuzak, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 18, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Michael Hart, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 18, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
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Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Personnel (Continued)

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Olivia Kelly, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 18, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Ashley White, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 18, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Eddie Bryant, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 18, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Joshua Odum, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 18, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Personnel (Continued)

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Brenten Keefer, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 18, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Aiden DeMarco, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 18, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **Commissioner Lohr** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Jason Halley, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective February 19, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to approve the **resignation** of Full-Time Corrections Officer John Kaminsky, effective February 8, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye

Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D. A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to ratify the **termination** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Anna Zajac, effective February 21, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D. A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Personnel (Continued)

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to approve the **promotion** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Delaina Kenny to Full-Time Corrections Officer, starting rate of \$22.00 per hour, \$45,760.00 annually, effective February 26, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to approve the **Retirement** of Full-Time Corrections Officer Kimberly Cumberland, effective March 8, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to approve the **promotion** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Connor Watson to Full-Time Corrections Officer, starting rate of \$22.00 per hour, \$45,760.00 annually, effective March 9, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye

Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to approve the **Retirement** of Full-Time Counselor Jamee Waligura, effective April 8, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Commissioner Lohr** to enter in Executive Session to discuss personnel. Entered into Executive Session at **9:48** a.m.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Commissioner Lohr** to leave Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Left Executive Session at **9:59** a.m.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Upon return to Regular Session, Commissioner Dunn reported that personnel matter was discussed with no action being taken.

Adjournment

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to adjourn meeting.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Meeting adjourned at **9:59** a.m.