



**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

March 26, 2025 Regular Meeting

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

The meeting was **Called to Order** at 9:16 am by Sheriff James Custer.

At **Roll Call**, the following members were present and constituted a quorum: Sheriff James Custer, Commissioner Scott Dunn, Commissioner Vince Vicites (virtual), Commissioner Dave Lohr, Controller Robb Rhodes and District Attorney Michael Aubele. Absent was Judge Stephen Leskinen.

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, Drug & Alcohol Director Melissa Ferris, Mary Over - Chief of Staff for Commissioner Vicites and Tammy Nedrow - Chief of Staff for Commissioner Dunn.

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

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** : NONE

**Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2025 Regular Meeting**

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to approve the meeting minutes of the February 26, 2025 Regular meeting.

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

**Motion Carried  
Unanimously** **6-0**

**Approval of March 2025 Bills**

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

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
District Attorney Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>6-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

**Warden Population Report for March 2025**

Warden Lenkey reported that as of today, there are a total of **202** inmates, with **149** males and **53** 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, One male from Greene, as well as, Ten females and One male from Washington here.

**Adult Probation - Intermediate Punishment Program Report**

Adult Probation Officer Jim Kovacs reported that for the month of February 2025 there were a total of 292 active offenders on probation, resulting in 6,217 incarceration days saved. There were 75 electronic monitoring (EM) installations, and 17 disconnects.

The invoice for Restrictive Intermediate Punishment treatment for the month of February 2025 was \$5,065.80 paid to the Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission. Medical Assistance paid a sum of \$4,648.00.

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Commissioner Lohr** to approve the Intermediate Punishment Plan for 2025 as presented by Officer Kovacs with the Agenda.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>6-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

## Juvenile Probation

Juvenile Probation Officer Townsend first acknowledged the retirement of Adult Probation Officer Jim Kovacs. He then reported that there are currently **10** juveniles in placement, **0** in detention and **3** juveniles on electronic monitoring.

## Courts

No report in the absence of Judge Leskinen. However Warden Lenkey reported that the we have just received the final report from the DOC Inspection and is happy to report that we are in 100% compliance, therefore it will be 2 years before our next inspection.

## CYS

No report in the absence of Director Gina D'Auria.

## Drug and Alcohol

Director Melissa Ferris reported the services are still being offered with no delays. She acknowledged the retirement of Charlie Wortman and advised that new contact will be Melissa Reese.

## Old / New Business

NONE

## IGNITE

Sheriff Custer reported that we are approaching the one year anniversary since we implemented the IGNITE program. The 4<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony was held yesterday with officials from 4 other Counties (PA, NY and OH) in attendance along with representatives from the National Sheriffs Association.

## Personnel

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer John Marchwinski, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective March 17, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>6-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Ava Volek, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective March 17, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye

**Motion Carried  
Unanimously** **6-0**

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Gloria Wood, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective March 17, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>6-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

**Personnel (Continued)**

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Brandon Ramirez, starting rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective March 17, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>6-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

**Public Comment**

None

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

Moved by **Commissioner Lohr** and seconded by **D.A. Aubele** to adjourn meeting.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye

**Motion Carried  
Unanimously**

**6-0**

Meeting adjourned at **9:33** a.m.