



Fayette County Prison
 12 Court Street
 Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401

Prison Board of Inspectors

Sheriff James Custer (Chair)
 Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites
 Commissioner Dave Lohr
 Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink
 Judge Steve Leskinen
 DA Rich Bower
 Controller Scott Abraham

Welcome to the meeting of the Fayette County Prison Board of Inspectors. Your participation is appreciated. Regularly scheduled meetings occur at 9:15 am on the last Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held in the Commissioners' Conference Room, except for the final meeting of each quarter, when the regularly scheduled meeting is held in the Chapel of the Fayette County Prison, per County Code.

Minutes

Fayette County Prison Board of Inspectors
 March 27, 2019 Regular Meeting

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Prison Board took place on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. It was held in the Chapel of the Fayette County Prison.

The meeting was Called to Order at 9:31 am by Sheriff Custer.

At Roll Call the following members were present and constituted a quorum: Sheriff James Custer, Commissioner Dave Lohr, Commissioner Vince Vicites, and Controller Scott Abraham.

Members absent at roll call were: Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink, Judge Steve Leskinen, and DA Rich Bower. (Note: Judge Leskinen joined the meeting at 9:49 am, and Controller Scott Abraham left the meeting at 9:49 am).

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 February 27, 2019 Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Dave Lohr and seconded by Controller Scott Abraham to approve the meeting minutes of the February 27 meeting.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Controller Abraham	Aye
Motion Carried Unanimously	4-0

Approval of the March bills

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

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Controller Abraham	Aye
Motion Carried Unanimously	4-0

Population Report for December 2018

Warden Jeff Myers reported at present there are a total of 184 inmates in house, with 151 males and 33 females. There are an additional 4 inmates housed outside of Fayette County.

Update on Maintenance Repair

Warden Jeff Myers provided the report as attached. He noted that maintenance in the prison continues to go well. Warden Myers noted the need to obtain more parts from SCI Greensburg for doors and locking mechanisms. He also noted the need for new tracks on some of the cell doors. The Warden commented that Greensburg is happy to donate what they are not using but that they do need something documenting the donation. Commissioner Lohr commended Warden Myers for procuring equipment from SCI Greensburg.

In addition, Warden Myers noted that a few leaks have developed over the winter months. He is waiting for warmer weather to be able to repair the leaks when heating the building while repairs are made is no longer an issue. Further, Warden Myers is looking ahead at getting estimates for repairs/upgrades to the heating/cooling systems, with the intention of doing the work next year.

Intermediate Punishment Program Report

Jim Kovacs of Adult Probation reviewed his report as attached. For the month of February, there were 178 total clients on Offender Paid probation, with 71 installations and 49 disconnects. There were 88 clients on Indigent Paid probation, with 24 installations and 44 disconnects.

Courts: None.

New/Old Business: Warden Myers revisited the plan by GTL (phone supplier for the prison) to provide 37 tablets for use by prisoners. The Warden presented information pertinent to how a policy on tablets and tablet use might read, citing policies already in place in Westmoreland County. Warden Myers emphasized that all monitoring of tablet use would be done through GTL. In the event of any violation of tablet policy, the device would be shut down by GTL and the prison would be notified. He also noted that prisoners would need to purchase tablet time through the commissary.

Benefits to having access to tablets were noted, including the ability to access email and educational materials. Commissioner Dave Lohr questioned how prisoners would access educational materials. Warden Myers noted that prisoners could access GED coursework via the tablets. Attorney Jack Purcell also cited the benefit of prisoners being able to access religious materials via tablets. Controller Scott Abraham questioned whether 37 tablets were adequate to meet the needs of the prison population. Warden Myers responded that GTL will provide additional tablets as needed.

Warden Myers also addressed a joint initiative with CYS to offer Parenting Classes through Triple P. Classes are scheduled to meet weekly, beginning April 15, 2019. Looking ahead at other possible course offerings, Warden Myers suggested that anger management classes would also be beneficial.

Moved by Commissioner Dave Lohr and seconded by Sheriff Jim Custer for the Warden to move forward with putting together an agreement with GTL for Inmate Tablets, at no cost to the Prison, and to enter into agreement with Dynamic Imaging for inmate tracking using Corre Trac through a grant sponsored by CCAP and PcoRP.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Controller Abraham	Aye
Motion Carried Unanimously	4-0

Personnel

Moved by Commissioner Dave Lohr and seconded by Judge Steve Leskinen to go into Executive Session.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried Unanimously	4-0

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:51 am. During Executive Session, the Board discussed a disciplinary action, with no further action at this time. The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:35 am.

Moved by Sheriff Jim Custer and seconded by Judge Steve Leskinen hire Part-Time Correctional Officer Randy Darnell in a Full-Time capacity at a salary of \$18.45 per hour, \$38,376.00 annually, effective April 1, 2019.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried Unanimously	4-0

Moved by Sheriff Jim Custer and seconded by Commissioner Vince Vicites hire Part-Time Correctional Officer Deana Wise in a Full-Time capacity at a salary of \$18.45 per hour, \$38,376.00 annually, effective April 1, 2019.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried Unanimously	4-0

Moved by Sheriff Jim Custer and seconded by Commissioner Dave Lohr hire Logan Spiker to a Sergeant position at a salary of \$21.10 per hour, \$43,888.00 annually, effective April 1, 2019.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried Unanimously	4-0

Judge Leskinen noted that Logan Spiker was next in line for hire from the previous round of evaluations.

Moved by Sheriff Jim Custer and seconded by Commissioner Vince Vicites to hire Correctional Officer Henry Cumberland as a Maintenance Officer, with no change in salary, effective April 1, 2019.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried Unanimously	4-0

Public Comment: Corrections Office Aaron Loring brought several concerns to the Board, including the need for working radios for corrections officers. He referred to their radios as a "lifeline" and said that the radios in use are falling apart. Warden Myers informed him that he has requested pricing on new radios. Loring also asked if corrections officers could get earbuds, saying that prisoners are hearing way too much information broadcast over the radios. Warden Myers agreed and instructed Loring to speak to Zavada about earbuds.

Moved by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vince Vicites to adjourn meeting

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried Unanimously	4-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Staff for Commissioner Lohr