



**Fayette County
Prison**
12 Court Street

Prison Board of Inspectors

Sheriff James Custer (Chair)
Commissioner Dave Lohr
Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites
Commissioner Scott Dunn
Judge Steve Leskinen
District Attorney Rich Bower
Controller Scott Abraham

Minutes

Fayette County Prison Board of Inspectors
May 26, 2021 Regular Meeting

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Prison Board took place on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. It was held in the Court’s Grey Room of the Fayette County Courthouse, as well as virtually via ZOOM.

The meeting was **Called to Order** at 9:15 am by Sheriff James Custer.

At **Roll Call**, the following members were present and constituted a quorum: Sheriff Custer, Controller Scott Abraham (virtual), Commissioner Vince Vicites (virtual) and Commissioner Scott Dunn.

Members absent at roll call were: Commissioner Dave Lohr [entered the meeting at 9:26 a.m. during item i. of Personnel], Judge Leskinen [entered the meeting at 9:32 a.m. during Executive Session] and District Attorney Rich Bower (excused).

Also present were: County Solicitor Jack Purcell, Warden John Lenkey, Assistant Chief Adult Probation Officer Jim Kovacs, Juvenile Probation Officer Dwaine Berger (virtual), CYS Director Gina D’Auria (virtual), Mary Over - Chief of staff for Commissioner Vicites and Tammy Nedrow - Chief of Staff for Commissioner Dunn. Also attending virtually Shannon Matty and Jana Kyle.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items : None

Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Controller Abraham** to approve the meeting minutes of the April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of May 2021 Bills

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Controller Abraham** to approve May 2021 bills.

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

Population Report for May

Warden Lenkey reported at present there are a total of **169** inmates, with **144** males and **25** females. **One** male inmate is currently housed outside of Fayette County at Washington County, being Court Ordered and **One** female inmate is currently housed outside of Fayette County at Greene County, being Court Ordered.

Update on Maintenance Repair

Warden Lenkey provided the report as attached. He reported that the maintenance staff has been doing general work however a crew has been (and will be) helping with community projects, the recycle center, the new D.A. building, cutting cemetery grass, etc.

Intermediate Punishment Program Report

Officer Jim Kovacs of Adult Probation reviewed his report as attached. For the month of April , there were a total of 271 active offenders on probation, resulting in 6,129 incarceration days saved. There were 80 electronic monitoring (EM) installations, and 14 disconnects.

Mr. Kovacs also noted that the invoice for Restrictive Intermediate Punishment treatment for the month of April 2021 was \$2,810.45 paid to the Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission. Medical Assistance paid a sum of \$2,390.25.

Officer Kovacs also reported that the APO has been operating on a modified schedule and will return to regular full in-office schedule in June, 2021.

Juvenile Probation

Officer Dwaine Berger reported that Aspire has been running at full capacity and recommended reaching out to Allegheny about a youthful offender pods contract again. He also updated that the previously reported 17 year old treated as an Adult who was housed at Aspire turned 18 on May 11, 2021 and is now back at the prison.

Courts

No report in the absence of Judge Leskinen.

CYS

Director Gina D’Auria had nothing to report.

New/Old Business

Nothing to report/discuss.

Personnel

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Sheriff Custer** to ratify the resignation of Full-Time Corrections Officer Caleb Dempsey, effective May 1, 2021.

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

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Sheriff Custer** to ratify the resignation of Part-Time Corrections Officer Jeremy Gaster, effective April 23, 2021.

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

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Sheriff Custer** to ratify the resignation of Part-Time Corrections Officer John Struble, effective April 25, 2021.

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

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Sheriff Custer** to ratify the resignation of Part-Time Corrections Officer Aubrey Rohaley, effective May 3, 20201.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Controller Abraham	Aye

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Motion Carried	4-0
Unanimously	

Personnel (Continued)

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Sheriff Custer** to approve the hiring of Part-time Corrections Officer Kelly Booher, starting rate of \$16.40 per hour, effective May 26, 2021. Starting date is June 1, 2021.

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

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Sheriff Custer** to approve the hiring of Part-time Corrections Officer Gabrielle Criswell, starting rate of \$16.40 per hour, effective May 26, 2021. Starting date is June 1, 2021.

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

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Sheriff Custer** to approve the hiring of Part-time Corrections Officer Joseph Berry, starting rate of \$16.40 per hour, effective May 26, 2021. Starting date is June 1, 2021.

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

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Sheriff Custer** to approve the hiring of Part-time Corrections Officer Arley Stoker, starting rate of \$16.40 per hour, effective May 26, 2021. Starting date is June 1, 2021.

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

Personnel (Continued)

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Sheriff Custer** to approve the hiring of Part-time Corrections Officer Dennis Sylvester, starting rate of \$16.40 per hour, effective May 26, 2021. Starting date is June 1, 2021.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Controller Abraham	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Motion Carried	5-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Commissioner Lohr** to approve the promotion of Part-time Corrections Officer Charles Marino to full-Time Corrections Officer, starting rate of \$18.45 an hour, \$38,376.00 annual, effective May 26, 2021.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Controller Abraham	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Motion Carried	5-0
Unanimously	

Executive Session

Commissioner Dunn moved to enter in to Executive Session at 9:28 a.m. to discuss personnel conduct matter; seconded by **Commissioner Lohr**. (Prison Board Members, Lenkey & Purcell) NOTE that Judge Leskinen entered the meeting at 9:32 a.m. during Executive Session.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Controller Abraham	Aye

Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Motion Carried	5-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Sheriff Custer** and seconded by **Commissioner Dunn** to leave Executive Session at 9:34 a.m. and return to the Regular Meeting. Sheriff Custer reported that one personnel matter was discussed during Executive Session.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Controller Abraham	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Commissioner Lohr** to terminate Part-Time Corrections Officer Michael Bennett immediately.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Controller Abraham	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Public Comment :

None

Adjournment

Moved by **Sheriff Custer** and seconded by **Commissioner Lohr** to adjourn meeting.

Sheriff Custer	Aye
Controller Abraham	Aye
Commissioner Lohr	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye

**Motion Carried
Unanimously**

6-0

Meeting adjourned **at 9:36** a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Tammy Nedrow, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Dunn