



**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

May 28, 2025 Regular Meeting

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Fayette County Jail Board took place on Wednesday, May 28, 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 9:15 am by Sheriff James Custer.

At **Roll Call**, the following members were present and constituted a quorum: Sheriff James Custer, Commissioner Vince Vicites, District Attorney Michael Aubele, Controller Scott Rhodes and Judge Leskinen entered at 9:23 during Personnel. Absent was Commissioner Scott Dunn, Commissioner Harry Kaufman

Also present: Solicitor Jack Purcell, Warden John Lenkey, Adult Probation Officer Britt, Juvenile Probation Officer Leroy Townsend, HR Director Cristi Spiker, Jail HR personnel Mel Patty, Fayette Drug and Alcohol Melissa Farris, Mary Over - Chief of Staff for Commissioners Vicites, Dunn and Kaufman.

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

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items :**

Prior to opening the floor to Public Comment, Commissioner Dunn made a statement about the pending approval of the contract for housing federal prisoners.

None

### **Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2025 Regular Meeting**

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **DA Aubele** to approve the meeting minutes of the April 30, 2025 Regular meeting.

Commissioner Vicites

Aye

Sheriff Custer	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

#### Approval of May 2025 Bills

Moved by **DA Aubele** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to approve **May 2025** bills.

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

#### Warden Population Report for April 2025

Warden Lenkey reported that as of today, there are a total of **235** inmates, with **188** males and **47** females. **Five adult** inmates are currently housed outside of Fayette County with **One** male being at Greene, **One** male at Washington, **One** male and **One** female being at Torrence and **One** male at Somerset. We are also housing **One** male from Somerset, as well as, **Seven** females from Washington here. Also, there is **One** male juvenile at Camp Hill

#### Adult Probation - Intermediate Punishment Program Report

Adult Probation Officer Britt reported that for the month of April 2025 there were a total of 285 active offenders on probation, resulting in 6,656 incarceration days saved. There were 55 electronic monitoring (EM) installations, and 5 disconnects.

#### Juvenile Probation

Juvenile Probation Officer Townsend had nothing new to report

#### Courts

Judge Leskinen had nothing new to report.

#### CYS

Director Gina D'Auria.had nothing new to report.

#### Drug and Alcohol

Director Melissa Ferris stated there is currently no wait in her office for any services for case management or DUI. There will be a personnel change to the person who is supplying treatment services. The new person will be Frank Francis who will be replacing the current staff member at the jail.

#### Old / New Business

Nothing new to report

#### IGNITE

Warden Lenkey reported that the next graduation is scheduled for June 12, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

#### Personnel

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **DA Auble** to ratify the **resignation** of Full-Time Corrections Officer Adam Dally effective May 6, 2025.

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **DA Auble** to ratify the **retirement** of Full-Time Corrections Officer Charles Campbell effective May 26, 2025.

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **DA Auble** to ratify the **promotion** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Allen Thomas to Full-Time Corrections Officer, starting rate of \$22.00 an hour, \$45,760.00 Annually, effective May 28, 2025.

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **DA Auble** to ratify the **promotion** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Rachael Pike to Full-Time Corrections Officer, starting rate of \$22.00 an hour, \$45,760.00 Annually, effective May 28, 2025.

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **DA Auble** to ratify the **promotion** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Jason Halley to Full-Time Corrections Officer, starting rate of \$22.00 an hour, \$45,760.00 Annually, effective May 28, 2025.

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

HR Director Cristi Spiker wanted it on record that by promoting Jason Halley to Full-Time, the Jail Seniority list was not followed. Warden Lenkey explained they usually go in order of date of hire; however, it is clearly stated in the contract we do not have to do that. We can base a promotion on ability, performance and such issues that management has a right to go out of a particular order. Officer Halley has over 20 years at the state with correctional experience all the way up to and including Lieutenant. He's never called off work, he's very reliable and he is educating not only other officers but some of our supervisors as well. We decided to place him in a Full-Time position not only because of his ability but also his experience.

## Executive Session

Moved by **Sheriff Custer** and seconded by **Commissioner Vicities** to enter into Executive Session at 9:26 a.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Controller Rhodes	Aye
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D.A. Aubele	Aye
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Judge Leskinen	Aye
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<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>5-0</b>
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<b>Unanimously</b>	
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### Executive Session(Continued)

Moved by **Sheriff Custer** and seconded by **Judge Leskinen** to leave Executive Session at 9:47 a.m. and return to Regular Meeting session.

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

Upon return to Regular Session, Sheriff Custer reported that 3 personnel issues were discussed with the following actions being taken on one of them:

Moved by **Sheriff Custer** and seconded by **District Attorney Aubele** to suspend Corrections Officer Marcus Bubonovich for a period of 5 days without pay. Effective date to be determined by management.

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Controller Rhodes	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

### Public Comment

None

### Adjournment

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

Sheriff Custer	Aye
D.A. Aubele	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Unanimously</b>	

Meeting adjourned at **9:49** a.m.