



Fayette County Jail
McClellandtown Road
Uniontown, Pennsylvania
15424

Jail Board of Inspectors

Sheriff James Custer (Chair)
Commissioner Scott Dunn
Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites
Commissioner Harry Kaufman
Judge Stephen Leskinen
District Attorney Michael Aubele
Controller Robb Rhodes

Minutes

Fayette County Jail Board of Inspectors

Wednesday, November 26, 2025, Regular Meeting

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Fayette County Jail Board took place on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. It was held in the Fayette County 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 Dunn, Commissioner Vince Vicites, Commissioner Harry Kaufman, Controller Rob Rhodes, and Judge Leskinen.

Also present: Solicitor Jack Purcell, Warden John Lenkey, Juvenile Probation Officer Joshua Britt, Juvenile Probation Officer Zach Hibbs, Adult Probation Officer Leroy Townsend, Jail HR personnel Mel Patty and Mary Over, Chief of Staff for Commissioners Vicites, Dunn, and Kaufman. District Attorney Michael Aubele was absent.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items :

None

Approval of Minutes of October 29, 2025, Regular Meeting

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

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye

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

Approval of November 2025 Bills

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **Commissioner Kaufman** to approve the **November 2025** bills.

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

Warden Population Report for October 2025

Warden Lenkey reported that as of today, there are a total of **221** inmates, with **174** males and **47** females. Washington County - We have **Two** of their male inmates and **12** Females; they have **One** of our males and **Two** of our females. **Two** females and **One** male being held at Torrence; **One** male at Somerset and we have **One** of their male inmates here; Juveniles - SCI-Pinegrove - **One** male; Lawrence County - **One** Male; Federal Inmates - Fifteen females which are included in the total inmate count.

Adult Probation - Intermediate Punishment Program Report

Adult Probation Leroy Townsend reported that for November 2025, there were a total of 243 active offenders on probation, resulting in 5,929 incarceration days saved. There were 49 electronic monitoring (EM) installations and 07 disconnects. Total incarceration days saved from January 1st through October 31st are 64,112.

As of November 18th, there is an application to apply for the 2025-2026 IP grant. The deadline to apply is December 18, 2025. Fayette County is eligible to receive \$180,000 in maximum state funds. We are currently in the process of completing the application. Out of the \$180,000 - \$108,000 would go to adult probation, and \$72,000 would go to drug and alcohol. Also, for the month of October, there were 16 revocations filed, 5 sentenced to the county, 1 granted immediate parole, 0 went to the state, 3 bench warrants for failure to appear, 2 revocations denied, 4 are pending disposition, 1 revoked and resentenced to probation, and 1 revoked and resentenced to probation with restrictive conditions. Approval will be needed with the Commissioners' signatures next week.

Juvenile Probation

Juvenile Probation Officer Zach Hibbs reported that there are currently 5 juveniles on HM (Home Monitoring), 0 in detention and/or shelter, 10 in juvenile placement, and 3 in diagnostic.

Courts

Judge Leskinen had nothing new to report.

CYS

No one present

Drug and Alcohol

Director Melissa Ferris stated they are still providing services at the jail, doing recovery support services, outpatient counseling, and doing assessments to refer individuals to inpatient treatment. There was no wait for any services at drug and alcohol offices. Tonight is one of the biggest nights to go out and drink. The handover of the Reins campaign starts today and goes through the New Year. We are asking those who do drink you pass over their keys or hand over the “reins” to someone else.

Old / New Business

Nothing new to report

IGNITE

Warden Lenkey indicated the I.G.N.I.T.E. Graduation will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

Personnel

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **Commissioner Kaufman** to ratify the **hiring** of Part-Time Corrections Officer, Morgan Bryan, starting at a rate of \$20.00 an hour, effective November 2, 2025.

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

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **Commissioner Kaufman** to approve the **Promotion** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Talon Miller to Full-Time Corrections Officer, starting at a rate of \$22.00 an hour \$45,760.00 annually, effective October 29, 2025.

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

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **Commissioner Kaufman** to approve the **Promotion** of Part-Time Corrections Officer Jessica Bowers to Full-Time Corrections Officer, starting at a rate of \$22.00 an hour \$45,760.00 annually, effective October 29, 2025.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye

**Motion Carried
Unanimously**

6-0

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **Commissioner Kaufman** to ratify the **resignation** of Part-Time Corrections Officer William Carpeal, effective November 15, 2025.

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

Moved by **Controller Rhodes** and seconded by **Commissioner Kaufman** to ratify the **resignation** of Full-Time Corrections Officer, Ava Volek, effective November 19, 2025.

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

Commissioner Dunn would like to offer condolences to the friends and family of Corrections Officer Stoneking on behalf of the County.

Executive Session

Moved by **Commissioner Kaufman** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to enter Executive Session at 9:27 a.m. to discuss personnel issues.

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

Moved by **Sheriff Custer** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to leave Executive Session at 9:34 a.m. and return to Regular Meeting session.

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Kaufman	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Upon returning to Regular Session, Sheriff Custer reported that 3 personnel issues were discussed with the following actions being taken:

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to extend a personal leave of absence for Correction Officer Veronica Hill from 11-9-25 through 11-16-25.

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Kaufman	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to grant a personal leave of absence for Lieutenant. Anthony Delverme from 12-10-25 through 1-04-25.

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Kaufman	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Moved by **Commissioner Dunn** and seconded by **Controller Rhodes** to grant a personal leave of absence for Corrections Officer Erin Paull from 12-03-25 through 12-31-25.

Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Commissioner Kaufman	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Motion Carried	6-0
Unanimously	

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Dunn	Aye
Commissioner Vicites	Aye
Judge Leskinen	Aye
Sheriff Custer	Aye

**Motion Carried
Unanimously**

6-0

Meeting adjourned at **09:35** a.m.