WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

A MEETING OF THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY PRISON BOARD WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AT 11:00 AM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON OR JOIN TODAY'S MEETING VIA ZOOM.

ATTENDING: COMMISSIONER LARRY PADORA; COMMISSIONER BARRON L. HETHERINGTON; COMMISSIONER GARY J. HESS; COUNTY SOLICITOR PAUL DATTE; CONTROLLER SHARYN YACKENCHICK; WARDEN DAVID WAPINSKY; DEPUTY WARDEN MICHAEL BUCHANAN; DISTRICT ATTORNEY MICHAEL O'PAKE; SHERIFF JOSEPH GROODY; CAPTAIN JON BOWMAN; JUDGE JACQUELINE RUSSELL; FIRST DEPUTY CONTROLLER SANDRA PACENTA; AND CHIEF CLERK LINDA DEATRICH.

SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON AND BEGAN WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS AT TODAY'S MEETING.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2024, PRISON BOARD MEETING.

MOTION

THERE BEING NO ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PADORA, SECONDED BY CONTROLLER SHARYN YACKENCHICK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD

NONE

STATE OF PRISON REPORT

WARDEN DAVE WAPINSKY GAVE THE FOLLOWING STATE OF THE PRISON REPORT:

FINANCIAL REPORT:

BUDGET INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024:

REVENUE:

$ 1,282.75	-	INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT
$ 10,085.06	-	COMMISSIONS
$ 2,000.00	-	SOCIAL SECURITY
$ 1,725.00	-	TRANSFER FROM PRISON WORK RELEASE

TOTAL REVENUE - $15,092.81

EXPENDITURES:

$ 356,651.53	-	SALARIES/WAGES
$ 280.00	-	IN LIEU OF BENEFITS
$ 23,424.97	-	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES
$ 7,267.54	-	CLOTHING & BEDDING
$ 57,412.84	-	GROCERIES
$ 3,957.76	-	CLEANING SUPPLIES
$ 147.83	-	UNIFORMS
$ 18,094.04	-	FUEL, ELECTRIC, WATER & SEWER
$ 104,556.22	-	TEMPORARY HOUSING
$ 172,946.99	-	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
$ 402.00	-	TRAVEL EXPENSES
$ 980.08	-	NON-PAYROLL COMMISSIONS
$ 540.00	-	INMATE WAGES
$ 30,021.86	-	MAT PROGRAM
$ 6,792.12	-	MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS
$ 3,299.04	-	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS
$ 80.22	-	COPIER CAPITAL LEASES
$ 5,634.04	-	CAPITAL MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT
$ 2,134.44	-	CAPITAL COMPUTER SOFTWARE-LEASES
$ 100.00	-	PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICALS

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - $794,723.52

PHYSICAL PLANT:

GUYETTE COMMUNICATIONS REPLACED THE SINGLE CAMERA ON THE EAST PERIMETER WALL WITH A 360-CAMERA CAPABLE OF PROVIDING 4 HIGH DEFINITION IMAGES TO A NEWLY INSTALLED DEDICATED MONITOR IN CONTROL ROOM "B". IN ADDITION, A FIXED CAMERA WAS ALSO ADDED TO "F" YARD TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING PAN – TILT – ZOOM CAMERA. "F" YARD CAMERAS WERE ALSO ADDED TO THAT NEW MONITOR.

INTEGRITEC – COMPLETED MONTHLY CHEMICAL TREATMENTS TO THE CLOSED LOOP HOT WATER HEATING SYSTEM IN THE BOILER ROOM.

K&D FACTORY SERVICES REPAIRED / DIAGNOSED THE FOLLOWING KITCHEN EQUIPMENT:

- #1 HOT-WELL WAS REPAIRED
- #3 HOT-WELL AWAITING PARTS TO BE REPAIRED
- DISHWASHER FLOAT SENSOR AWAITING PARTS TO BE REPAIRED
- TOP HALF OF OVEN AWAITING PARTS TO BE REPAIRED

McCLURE CO. DIAGNOSED A FAULTY PUMP (4) ON THE CLOSED LOOP HOT WATER HEATING SYSTEM IN THE BOILER ROOM. THAT PUMP WAS TEMPORARILY BYPASSED UNTIL A NEW PUMP COULD BE INSTALLED; REPLACED THE ECONOMIZER CONTROLLER & ACTUATOR ON RTU-4 (RECORDS OFFICE); INSTALLED TEMPERATURE SENSORS FOR THE KITCHEN FREEZER AND WALK-IN COOLER. BOTH SENSORS ARE ADDED TO THE BUILDING AUTOMATION COMPUTER SYSTEM AND NOTIFICATIONS ARE SENT TO OPERATIONS WHEN THE TEMPERATURES GET TOO WARM, REDUCING THE RISK OF FOOD SPOILAGE.

SMART COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLED THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE NEW INMATE PHONE / TABLET SYSTEM, WHICH WENT LIVE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

MAINTENANCE STAFF COMPLETED / PROCESSED 122 WORK ORDERS: ELECTRICAL – 5; PESTS – 1; PHONES / TABLETS – 8; HVAC – 26; PLUMBING – 44; MISCELLANEOUS – 26; AND SECURITY – 12

POPULATION REPORT:

A CENSUS REPORT WAS PROVIDED TO BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTACHED TO THEIR AGENDAS.

THE PEAK INMATE CENSUS FOR OCTOBER 2024 WAS 242 INMATES. THE PEAK FEMALE INMATE CENSUS WAS 40. THE LOW CENSUS FOR OCTOBER 2024 WAS 211 INMATES.

THE WARDEN INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF OUTSOURCED INMATES IN OCTOBER 2024 WAS 41.

THE WARDEN INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE CURRENT NUMBER OF INMATES CONTRACTUALLY HOUSED IN OTHER FACILITIES IS 47 INMATES AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

39 CENTRE COUNTY
7 CLINTON COUNTY
1 LEHIGH COUNTY

TODAY'S TOTAL POPULATION IS 230 INMATES WITH 188 BEING MALE INMATES AND 42 BEING FEMALE INMATES.

EIGHTEEN CELLS ARE TRIPLE CELLED.

MEDICAL REPORT:

A 2024 STATISTICAL REPORT FROM PRIMECARE MEDICAL, INC. FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS ATTACHED TO THE BOARD MEMBERS' AGENDAS.

THERE WERE 161 INTAKE SCREENINGS
THERE WERE 2 IN-HOUSE EKG'S
THERE WERE 21 IN-HOUSE X-RAY'S
THERE WERE 3 INPATIENT HOSPITAL STAY
THERE WERE 0 MD SICK CALLS
THERE WERE 154 NURSE PRACTITIONER/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SICK CALLS
THERE WERE 212 NURSE SICK CALLS

PROGRAMMING:

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY ADULT PROBATION/PAROLE DEPARTMENT
WORK RELEASE REPORT OCTOBER 2024

THE WORK RELEASE PROGRAM REMAINS OPERATIONAL. CURRENTLY THERE ARE SIX (6) INMATES IN THE PROGRAM.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY ADULT PROBATION/PAROLE DEPARTMENT
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM (VRP) REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024

VRP REMAINS OPERATIONAL. THREE (3) INMATES IN THE PROGRAM.

PERSONNEL:

CURRENTLY THERE ARE TWO (2) CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS OFF-DUTY ON EXTENDED MEDICAL LEAVE.

CURRENTLY THERE IS ONE (1) CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ON RESTRICTED DUTY.

STAFF VACANCY REPORT: ONE (1) FULL-TIME CORRECTIONAL OFFICER POSITIONS OPEN AND 12 PART-TIME CORRECTIONAL OFFICER POSITIONS OPEN.

OTHER:

WARDEN WAPINSKY INFORMED THE BOARD THAT OFFICER ZAVRY JONES RESIGNED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 25, 2024. OFFICERS TODD MILLS AND MICHAEL STETZ ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING THE TRAINING ACADEMY IN ELIZABETHTOWN. THEY WILL BE FINISHED ON NOVEMBER 15, 2024. OFFICER MARK HARDNER WILL BEGIN TRAINING AT THE ACADEMY ON NOVEMBER 11, 2024. CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS RECEIVED FIREARM TRAINING IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. CAPTAIN JON BOWMAN OVERSAW THE OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS. SMART COMMUNICATIONS HAS TAKEN OVER OUR TELEPHONE AND TABLET OPTIONS. HE THANKED THEM FOR THEIR HELP WITH THE SEAMLESS TRANSITION. DEPUTY WARDEN BUCHANAN OVERSAW THIS PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON ASKED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF PART-TIME OFFICER POSITIONS THAT THE PRISON HAS AT A FULL COMPLEMENT. THE WARDEN STATED THAT THERE ARE 15.

CONTROLLER YACKENCHICK EXPLAINED THAT WHEN INMATES ARE TRANSPORTED TO OUT OF COUNTY JAILS FOR HOUSING IT COSTS $75 PER DAY TIMES 30 DAYS, WHICH EQUATES TO A LOT OF MONEY BEING PAID OUT. IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DOES THE TRANSPORTING OF INMATES, WHICH ADDS TO THE EXPENSE.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

IT WAS MOVED BY CONTROLLER YACKENCHICK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PADORA TO HIRE BRAYDEN NEVADOMSKY, POTTSVILLE, PA, AS A FULL-TIME CORRENTIONAL OFFICER.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

THERE WAS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT AT TODAY'S MEETING.

MOTION:

IT WAS MOVED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY O'PAKE, SECONDED BY COMISSIONER HESS TO ACCEPT THE REPORT.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

ATTEST: _____