

PRISON BOARD MEETING

February 18, 2025

In Attendance: DA Sayers, Commissioners Glass & Winters, Deputy Warden Oates, Sheriff Churner and Controller Edwards

Excused: Judge Ammerman and Commissioner Sobel

The meeting held in the Commissioners Meeting Room was called to order by DA Sayers at 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Winters made the motion to approve the January 21, 2025 minutes, with a second from Commissioner Glass. The motion carried.

Financial Committee Report: Controller Edwards presented the financial reports for January. Commissioner Winters made a motion to approve the financial report. Commissioner Glass seconded, and the motion carried.

Warden's Report: Deputy Warden Oates reviewed the Housing, Revenue, Inmate Financial Responsibility and Extraordinary Occurrence Reports for December. It was noted that our current population is 148. DA Sayers asked if population data is available that is organized by inmate classification (such as pre-trial, awaiting sentencing, etc). Deputy Warden Oates explained that Deputy Warden McQuillen has started to track that data, but she has been off sick so the report wasn't available today.

There were two extraordinary occurrences for the month, each involving the use of chemical spray to restrain the inmate.

Controller Edwards reviewed the bills for January. Controller Edwards made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Commissioner Winters seconded and the motion carried.

Work Release Program: Deputy Warden Oates noted that there are currently three inmates participating.

Personnel: Deputy Warden Oates reviewed personnel. We currently employ 26 full-time-equivalent corrections officers. She has 4 new officers scheduled to start later this week.

Correspondence: none

Old Business: The Commissioners, Warden and Solicitor have been meeting with Cornerstone to resolve issues surrounding the lock project. Apparently Cornerstone internally separated the lock project from the control panel, while the contract was for one encompassing project, which created confusion. This has been resolved and the project is scheduled to be completed in May.

New Business: Deputy Warden Oates noted that two new free programs have been launched at the jail. Peer Star is a peer support group for inmates, and the program continues after inmates are released to continue support. Additionally, Love on a Leash began a program for inmates to interact with service animals twice per month. Both programs have been well received.

Good of the Order: Commissioner Glass mentioned that the Corrections Officers' union contract expires this year, and they have begun negotiations.

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2025, and will be held in the Commissioners meeting room.