

PRISON BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2025

In Attendance:, Judge Ammerman, Commissioners Glass, Sobel and Winters, Warden Oates, DA Sayers, Sheriff Churner and Controller Edwards

Excused:

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

Public Comment: none

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

Financial Committee Report: Controller Edwards presented the financial reports for October.

Warden's Report: Warden Oates reviewed the Housing, Revenue, Inmate Financial Responsibility and Extraordinary Occurrence Reports for October. Warden Oates noted that our current population is 162 in-house.

There were three extraordinary occurrences for the month, of which two involved the use of chemical spray to restrain the inmate. The third involved an inmate who intentionally banged his head into a door. He was treated and cleared by Primecare personnel.

Controller Edwards reviewed the bills for October, and made a motion to approve the bills as presented. DA Sayers seconded and the motion carried.

Work Release Program: Warden Oates reviewed work release statistics, which shows 1 inmate currently participating.

Personnel: Warden Oates reviewed personnel. It was noted that a new Deputy Warden of Operations has been hired. Michael Hampton will start in this role on December 8th.

Correspondence: none

Old Business: . The lock project has a little engineering work being done to make some needed modifications to the system, but it functional for the most part.

Chris Grunthaner from Clearfield Jefferson Drug and Alcohol Commission presented suggested uses for the unused Opioid Settlement funds. The focus is on continuity of care for released inmates in order to improve recidivism. Prevention programs in schools, a drug & alcohol Case Management Specialist for CYS, media campaigns and Narcan distribution are other options.

Tom Weber, CEO of Primecare, noted that if we switch opioid treatment in the jail to injectable medications we will likely see a slight drop in participation. He also said that using injectable medication would reduce their costs to administer. He will get hard numbers to us shortly. Mr. Weber also noted that the new state budget may allow Act 80 funds to be used for other injectable medications such as Sublocade.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to grant the Commissioners and District Attorney the authority to make the decision to change the Jail MAT program to injectable medications only,

based on their evaluation of funds availability and timing. This program will automatically sunset on December 31, 2026 to ensure that we review the program in detail in order to continue in the future. DA Sayers seconded, and the motion carried.

New Business: none

Good of the Order: Commissioner Glass reported that he received an email from the father of an inmate regarding the positive experience he had at the jail. Warden Oates helped the young man coordinate with the school in order to receive his GED, which has helped him get his life turned around.

Judge Ammerman noted that the two recent Probation officers hired has freed up officers to work on Supervised Bail cases in a more timely fashion. Additionally one of the new officers is stationed at the jail as an Institutional Officer. Warden Oates said that this has been a huge help in terms of expediting processes at the jail. It also give inmates the chance to ask questions of the on-site officer, instead of having to send letters to the Probation office.

Executive Session: At 12:57 PM Warden Oates made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss potential legal matters. Controller Edwards seconded, and the motion carried.

Adjournment: At 1:03 PM Commissioner Winters made a motion to exit Executive Session and adjourn, followed by a second from Warden Oates. The motion carried unanimously.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2025, and will be held in the Commissioners meeting room.