

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE CARBON COUNTY JAIL CONVENED THIS DATE AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE IN JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS WAYNE NOTHSTEIN, ROCKY AHNER AND CHRIS LUKASEVICH, CONTROLLER MARK A. SVERCHEK, DISTRICT ATTORNEY MICHAEL GREEK, PRESIDENT JUDGE ROGER NANOVIC, SHERIFF ANTHONY HARVILLA, ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK ELOISE K. AHNER, DEPUTY WARDEN RYAN LONG, WORK RELEASE DIRECTOR FRANK SHUBECK AND ACTING WARDEN LAURA BANTA. SOLICITOR DAN MISCAVIGE WAS ABSENT.

TOM EARLY AND JERRY WALSH, PRISON EVALUATIONS WERE ALSO PRESENT.

SHERIFF ANTHONY HARVILLA CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

THE MEETING OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

GUESTS

NONE.

OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE CARBON COUNTY JAIL:

MINUTES:

MOTION BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 18, 2021 WITH A WORD SPELLING CORRECTION. MOTION PASSED WITH MAJORITY IN FAVOR.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

NONE HELD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRISON POPULATION COMMITTEE

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NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

THE MONTHLY REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FOR REVIEW BY ACTING WARDEN LAURA BANTA.

SEITZ BROTHERS PROVIDED A MONTHLY SERVICE.

SMULLIGAN GLASS REPLACED GLASS IN CELL A IN BOOKING AND CELL 9 IN MAX BLOCK.

SMULLIGAN GLASS WAS IN TO MEASURE WINDOWS IN MEDIUM CELL 3R AND RHU CELL 3.

TREMCO WAS IN TO MEASURE THE SKYLIGHTS AND GO OVER THE ROOF AGAIN.

WE REPLACED BROKEN YARD LIGHTS WITH LED LIGHTING IN THE MAX/RHU YARD.

WE REPLACED A BLOWER MOWER IN THE EZ-AIRE UNIT ABOVE MEDICAL/BOOKING.

WE HELPED PETE FROM COUNTY MAINTENACE PAINT LINES IN THE PARKING LOT.

WORK RELEASE REPORT

ACTING WARDEN BANTA SUBMITTED THE WORK RELEASE REPORT FOR MR. SHUBECK. ACTING WARDEN BANTA REPORTED THERE HAD BEEN SEVEN WORK RELEASE INMATES FROM AUGUST 18, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2021. THERE ARE CURRENTLY FIVE INMATES ON WORK RELEASE. TWENTY INMATES PARTICIPATE IN THE "IN-HOUSE" WORK PROGRAM.

WARDEN'S REPORT

ACTING WARDEN BANTA SUBMITTED HER MONTHLY REPORT TO THE BOARD FOR REVIEW.

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ACTING WARDEN BANTA REPORTED THAT PINEBROOK WOULD BEGIN PROVIDING SERVICES TO INMATES AFTER A WEEK OF TRAINING. MR. NOTHSTEIN SAID HE RECEIVED A CALL ABOUT M.H.D.S. RETURNING TO THE JAIL.

ACTING WARDEN BANTA SAID SHE HAD UPDATED THE INMATE TELEPHONE POLICY ADDING MORE COMPREHESIVE DO'S AND DON'T'S FROM THE INMATE'S STAND POINT. ACTING WARDEN BANTA SAID THIS IS THE FIRST OF SEVERAL POLICY UPDATES.

ACTING WARDEN BANTA SAID THE PRISON EVALUATORS HAVE SUPPLIED HER WITH AN "INMATES HELD PAST THEIR MINIMUM" REPORT THAT SHE WILL BRING AS PART OF HER MONTHLY WARDEN'S REPORT. CURRENTLY FOURTEEN OFFENDERS ARE BEING HELD PASSED THEIR MINIMUM DATES. THE BIGGEST REASON IS THE NEED FOR A PRE-PAROLE PLAN AND ARE GENERALLY HARD TO PLACE INMATES.

MR. SVERCHEK ASKED THE STATUS OF THE COVID VACCINES AND ACTING WARDEN BANTA SAID THAT A THIRTY DAY PROGRAM WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS IN PLACE TO CONTINUALLY VACCINATE INMATES.

MR. LUKASEVICH NOTED THAT WITH K.M.E. CLOSING, THE WORK RELEASE PROGRAM WILL LOSE A VALUABLE RESOURCE.

MOTION BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER TO ACCEPT THE WARDEN'S REPORT. MOTION PASSED WITH ALL IN FAVOR.

PERSONNEL REPORT

MR. AHNER ASKED IF "ACT 57" INVOLVED CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, ACTING WARDEN BANTA SAID YES THEY ARE.

MOTION BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, SECONDED BY MR. SVERCHEK TO ACCEPT THE WARDEN'S PERSONNEL REPORT AS AMMENDED;

- HIRE THOMAS EBINGER (EFFORT) AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 27, 2021.

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- HIRE MICHAEL MCCUEN (ALBRIGHTSVILLE) AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 27, 2021.
- HIRE MATTHEW SMITH (NANTICOKE) AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 27, 2021.

MOTION PASSED WITH ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

THE SHERIFF REPORTED THAT THE ACTING WARDEN'S PLAN OF ACTION TO REMEDY SOME TO THE SITUATIONS AT THE PRISON ARE UNDERWAY AND AS THE PRISON EVALUATORS RECOMMENDED THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE CONFIDENTIAL, THE SPECIFIC ACTIONS TAKEN WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED UNTIL THEY ARE RESOLVED.

THE SHERIFF SAID WE ARE ALSO COMPLETING THE WARDEN HIRING PROCESS AND STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL THE SEVENTEENTH.

THE SHERIFF ASKED THE STATUS OF THE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE CAMERA SYSTEM THAT WILL ALLOW ACCESS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. MS. AHNER REPORTED THE ACCESS IS THERE FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S STAFF AND THE ONLY ISSUE REMAINING IS THE TIME IS WRONG ON THE VIDEO. MS AHNER SAID A QUOTE FROM A VENDOR, R.W. COMMUNICATIONS, THE QUOTE IS EXPENSIVE, \$15,000 A YEAR AND AN HOURLY RATE OF \$179.00 FOR SERVICE CALLS OR VISITS TO THE FACILITY. WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR ANOTHER VENDOR.

MR. AHNER ASKED IF THE PRISON WAS GETTING QUOTES FOR THINGS TO BE REPAIRED AT THE PRISON. MS. AHNER SAID SOMEONE HAD TO IDENTIFY WHAT NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED WITH A SPECIFIC LIST OF DIFFICIENCIES. SHERIFF HARVILLA ASKED ACTING WARDEN BANTA TO SUPPLY A LIST TO MR. AHNER.

NEW BUSINESS

NO NEW BUSINESS.

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

NO REPORT.

FURTHER BUSINESS

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 3:15 P.M.

ANTHONY C. HARVILLA
PRESIDENT

ROCKY AHNER
SECRETARY