

February 16, 2017 — Prison Board Meeting Notes
Greene County, Pennsylvania

Prison Board Officers:

- Commissioners Archie Trader
- Sheriff Brian Tennant, Chairman,
- Commissioner Dave Coder, Secretary

Board Members:

- Honorable Farley Toothman, Greene County President Judge
- Marjorie Fox, Greene County District Attorney
- Blair Zimmerman, Greene County Commissioner
- Dave Balint, Greene County Controller

Public Contact Person: Cookie Popielarcheck, Assistant Chief Clerk

Prison Warden: John Kingston

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday

Meeting Opened:

The Greene County Prison Board meeting was brought to order at 11:45 am in the first floor meeting room of the County office building. Others in attendance were: Commissioner Coder, Warden John Kingston, Judge Toothman, Brian Tennant, Dave Balint, Jeff Marshall, Charlotte Popielarcheck and Members of the Press. Commissioner Zimmerman was absent.

Motions:

1. Sheriff Brian Tennant made the motion and Controller Dave Balint the second to approve the minutes from January 19, 2017. Vote unanimous.

Security:

1. SCI Greene will be conducting their annual block training over the course of the next few months. This is an annual training recertification for a number of topics that our officers would benefit from and these course topics include transportation of inmates, use of restraints, interpersonal communications, inmate supervision, and numerous other field related topics. I have requested and received permission to send some of our staff members when feasible.
2. On 02-14-17 while at SCI Greene, I received permission to photograph several security screen doors that the facility has constructed in various areas. Pictures were taken to demonstrate the type of security door that we will require at our facility and these examples will help in our fabrication. Included is two pictures of these types of doors for review.

Treatment:

1. Terminated the law library contract with Thomson Reuters under Westlaw at a cost of \$700 + monthly and just signed a two year agreement with Lexis-Nexis for a monthly cost of \$300 with the month of March at no charge. The use of the Lexis-Nexis system requires the use of an external hard drive which can be down loaded into the same computer currently used for Westlaw.
2. On 02-14-17 received the first pieces of exercise equipment to be utilized in the main yard and H yard, these exercise stations have been mounted and secured to concrete in the main yard and temporarily secured in H yard pending the installation of a concrete pad. There is also some spot welding that will need to be done to make the equipment secure.

Training:

1. Recently had two employees returning from the DOC Training Academy at Elizabethtown receiving their corrections officer certifications. John Fox and Ryan Kmetz have returned to their regular shifts. On 02-14-17, Officer BJ Walters attended hostage negotiations Training at SCI Greene. Today at 0800 Deputy Mike Kraus and Shift Commander Jackie Tedrow are attending an eight instructor certification course for the RACC belt hosted and offered free of charge by SCI Greene.

Maintenance:

1. Deputy Kraus received another update from MTS regarding their attempts to correct the inoperable inter-com system. Deputy Kraus requested on 02-13-17, that IT upload this latest software fix and at 1345 hours it was determined that this latest attempt on Montgomery Technology Systems part to offer yet another solution has failed. Deputy Kraus has been in contact with COM-TEC the organization that has completed similar work for the Washington County Prison and they will be at the facility on the 20th for a consultation. Solicitor Cowen has been made aware of this recent development.

2. Have had several maintenance issues that required outside service calls and with the exception of a back ordered part for the kitchen steamer currently back on line.

Financial Report:

1. Fayette County owes \$26,300.00 for the month of January in regards to rental fees and has paid \$22,450.00 for the month of December.

2. Deposits totaling \$1,756.61 have been made with the Treasurer's office for January work release and weekend inmates.

Population Report:

Full Time Males ... 56

Full Time Females ... 21

TOTAL ...77 (This includes 13 Fayette County and 4 Washington County inmates)

Weekend Males ... 4

Weekend Females ... 0

TOTAL ... 4

Weekend Release Males ... 1

Weekend Release Females ... 0

TOTAL ... 1

General Discussion:

Consideration for the development and cultivation of a farm garden located within the prison grounds or adjacent county owned lands. The development and daily maintenance would be inmate generated with inmates selected for the detail with appropriate sentence structure.

Public Comments:

The next prison board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the Greene County Prison at 1200 hours.

Meeting Adjournment:

Sheriff Tennant made the motion and Controller Balint the second to adjourn the meeting. Vote unanimous.