

January 19, 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

Greene County Commissioners

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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 Zimmerman, Commissioner Coder, Chief Clerk Jeff Marshall, Warden Kingston, Deputy Warden Kraus, Cheryl Cowen, Marge Fox, Dave Balint, Charlotte Popielarcheck and Members of the Press.

Motions:

1. Marge Fox made the motion and Commissioner Zimmerman the second to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2016 meeting. Vote unanimous.

Security:

1. Preparing for the development of an in-house emergency response training format. Have responded recently to several inmate incidents that could have escalated to an officer involved use of force for compliance requirement. Several pieces of equipment have been obtained for this objective and will be utilized for training development in the areas of less lethal, aerosols, defensive tactics, and response team application. Will be staffing H-Unit with a corrective officer for the 0800-1600 and 1600-0000 shifts with an officers station designated on the unit. This assignment is required due to the projected increase in the number of inmates assigned to the unit and a need for increased supervision.

Treatment:

1. As of today's date we are reinstating the women's work detail after a brief shut down to evaluate the program and the inmates selected to participate. Today's detail is scheduled for the Humane Society and depending on this agencies need we may consider this detail as a weekly assignment. Due to the recent increase of female inmates moving the females from E unit to G unit. E-unit is only rated for sixteen (16) inmates and with the number of upper bunk restrictions this movement back to G will address this issue and facilitate access to gang showers and four (4) telephones.
2. In an effort to finalize the housing unit renovations we have ordered twelve (12) institutional sectional lounge chair systems of the single seat type that can be bolted down. They are made of non-accessible material that can be disinfected and searched. Will be placing two (2) to four (4) on each unit

depending on the housing unit size. This enhancement will allow inmates the ability to read, study, or watch television during block out periods.

Training:

1. Currently have two (2) employees attending the DOC Training Academy at Elizabethtown for Corrections Officer certification. They are shift commander John Fox and Officer Ryan Kmetz.

Maintenance:

1. Currently refinishing the housing unit floors; we have completed A-1 unit and A unit last week. During the last several days however we noticed several small areas that appeared to be peeling and are taking additional measures during the preparation process of D-unit to ensure that the application sets properly. In addition to the floor refinishing we are also painting the units along with performing necessary maintenance on the cell door drive mechanisms.

2. Deputy Kraus has continued to give notice to MTS in regards to their failure to provide a suitable fix to the intercom system. Their latest reply to the Deputy states that presenting this matter to the President of Montgomery Technology Systems with the recommendation that a technician be sent to the facility for evaluation and corrections of the problem. Solicitor Cowen has been kept informed of this ongoing development.

Financial Report:

1. Fayette County has paid \$22,450.00 for the month of December in regards to rental fees and paid \$18,350.00 for the month of November.

2. Deposits totaling \$1,600.00 have been with the Treasurer's office for December's work release and weekend inmates.

Population Report:

Full Time Males ... 55

Full Time Females ... 16

TOTAL ... 71 (This includes 9 Fayette County and 2 Washington County inmates)

Weekend Males ... 3

Weekend Females ... 0

TOTAL ... 3

Weekend Release Males ... 1

Weekend Release Females ... 0

TOTAL ...1

General Discussion:

1. Continuing to do weekly status reports to let the commissioners know what is going on. Continue to utilize resources that we have. Planning on purchasing a heat lamp for the kitchen.

Public Comments:

The next Prison Board meeting will be held Thursday, February 16th in the Commissioners meeting room at 11:45 am.

Meeting Adjournment:

Marge Fox made the motion and Brian Tennant the second to adjournment the meeting. Vote unanimous.