

**BUTLER COUNTY PRISON BOARD**  
**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**  
**8:48 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Mike Slupe, Chairman  
Rich Goldinger, Vice Chair  
Leslie Osche, Commissioner  
Kim Geyer, Commissioner  
Kevin Boozel, Commissioner  
Ben Holland, Controller  
Timothy McCune, Judge  
Joe DeMore, Warden

Wil White, Solicitor  
Jennifer Passarelli, Prison  
Mary Lou Cypher, Controller's Office  
Justin Baptiste, Prison  
Maria Malloy, Commissioner's Office  
Lori Shah, Commissioner's Office  
Steve Ferris, Butler Eagle

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Slupe called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m. at the Butler County Prison, and a quorum was established.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Slupe requested approval of minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting.  
Ms. Osche motioned; seconded by Ms. Geyer.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**OPERATING REVENUES/EXPENDITURES REPORT**

Mr. Holland gave the operating revenue and expenditures report for the period ending May 31, 2022. Mr. Holland reported revenues at \$3,005,416 which represents 47% percent of the operating budget. The current expenditures total \$5,776,317, which represents 39% of the operating budget.

Mr. Slupe requested approval of the financial report.  
Mr. Goldinger motioned; seconded by Ms. Osche.  
The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Slupe requested approval of the monthly check register.  
Ms. Osche motioned; seconded by Ms. Geyer.  
The motion carried unanimously.

## **WARDEN'S REPORT**

Warden DeMore reported the following numbers, as indicated on the meeting's agenda, which reflect the current prison population:

Total: 443 inmates as of June 15, 2022  
House Arrest/Electronic Monitoring: 119  
Pre-Trial Supervision: 194  
Drug Treatment Court: 16  
Day Reporting Center: 18  
Veteran's Court: 7  
Behavioral Health Court: 9

Per Diem Inmates:

State: 2  
Federal: 240  
Other County: 1

Mr. DeMore reported that he is meeting with PrimeCare Medical continuously about the medication assisted treatment program for inmates committed with a valid prescription, and expects to have a draft policy to present at next month's Board meeting.

Mr. DeMore reported that he has a meeting with Trinity Food Service scheduled for June 29, 2022 regarding a new food service contract extension.

Mr. DeMore reported that Deputy Warden Passarelli is negotiating a Drug and Alcohol Contract with the Geiser Center.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. DeMore reported that catastrophic billing for medical services provided by PrimeCare Medical exceeded the annual contract limit by \$41,948.30. The annual limit for the twelve month period starting on October 1, 2021 was established at \$200,000; and Mr. DeMore stated that he expects additional overages to be incurred through September 30, 2022. Mr. Slupe asked for a motion to pay the invoice from the Inmate Welfare Fund. Mr. Goldinger motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Boozel. After some discussion, Mr. Holland made the recommendation to expend the money out of the General Fund, and transfer an equal amount from the Inmate Welfare Fund. The motion was amended by Mr. Goldinger to approve payment to PrimeCare medical in the amount of \$41,948.30 from the General Fund, and authorize the transfer in the same amount from the Inmate Welfare Fund, to the General Fund. The amendment was agreed to by Mr. Boozel, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DeMore reported on the proposed Inmate Voting policy and procedure, to establish guidelines for voting for the eligible incarcerated population.

Mr. Slupe asked for a motion to approve the Inmate Voting policy and procedure. Mr. Boozel motioned, seconded by Mr. Goldinger. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DeMore apprized the Board of various Inmate Welfare Fund purchases.

In other business, Mr. Goldinger suggested the Warden research the “Jail to Job” program that Lawrence County currently administers.

### **APPROVAL OF NEW HIRES**

Mr. Slupe requested approval of new hires. Ms. Geyer motioned; seconded by Mr. Holland. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CONFERENCE TIME WITH MEDIA**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR GENERAL ITEMS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Slupe asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Geyer made the motion; seconded by Mr. Goldinger. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Benjamin Holland, Secretary  
Butler County Prison Board

**Approved:** July 19, 2022