

BUTLER COUNTY PRISON BOARD
Tuesday, August 16, 2022
8:45 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mike Slupe, Chairman
Rich Goldinger, Vice Chair
Leslie Osche, Commissioner
Kim Geyer, Commissioner
Kevin Boozel, Commissioner
Leslie Powers, Controller's Office
Joe DeMore, Warden
Wil White, Solicitor

Lori Altman, Chief Clerk
Jennifer Passarelli, Prison
Matt Clayton, Prison
Steve Ferris, Butler Eagle
Maria Malloy, Commissioner's Office
Lori Shah, Commissioner's Office
Mary Lou Cypher, Controller's Office
Missy Stotler, Controller's Office

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Slupe called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. at the Butler County Commissioner's Office, and a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Slupe requested approval of minutes from the July 19, 2022 meeting.
Ms. Geyer motioned; seconded by Mr. Goldinger.
The motion carried unanimously.

OPERATING REVENUES/EXPENDITURES REPORT

Ms. Powers gave the operating revenue and expenditures report for the period ending July 31, 2022. Revenues were reported at \$4,302,934 that represents 68% percent of the operating budget. The current expenditures total \$8,017,576, which represents 55% of the operating budget.

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

Mr. Slupe requested approval of the monthly check register.
Ms. Osche motioned; seconded by Mr. Goldinger.
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: 432 inmates as of August 9, 2022
House Arrest/Electronic Monitoring: 116
Pre-Trial Supervision: 232
Drug Treatment Court: 13
Day Reporting Center: 15
Veteran's Court: 6
Behavioral Health Court: 11

Per Diem Inmates:

State: 1
Federal: 237
Other County: 2

Mr. DeMore reported on the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) payment delinquency, since the County has not received payment not having paid since November of 2021. He contacted them in regards to the matter, and stated he expects to hear a response from them shortly. The Prison averages about five BOP federal inmates a month.

Mr. DeMore reported that the in-house training academy will commence the week of September 18, 2022. Seven employees will train in the month of September, and another seven employees will train starting in October.

Mr. Demore reported there is a meeting scheduled with Prime Care on August 24, 2022. Mr. White will attend, to discuss the proposed increase for the contract, beginning on October 1, 2022.

Mr. Demore reported that he has received a revised Trinity Food Services contract. He is currently reviewing the contract, which is a three-to-five year contract extension and secures pricing on meals for that period.

Mr. DeMore introduced Prison Counselor Matt Clayton who spoke at CCAP about mental health and re-entry for inmates.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Demore reviewed the Sprinkler Head Replacement for the Kitchen Coolers that failed the last inspection. The replacement cost is \$9,672.60 through Johnson Controls and would be considered a safety expenditure if charged against the Inmate Welfare Fund. Mr. Slupe requested approval of this expenditure using Inmate Welfare Funds. Mr. Goldinger motioned and seconded by Ms. Geyer. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DeMore reviewed the Gaiser Center contract from the RFP process for medicated assisted treatment. The contract is year-to-year, with a sixty-day termination clause. The services provided are for the continuation of medication for inmates and counseling for opioid addiction. The cost will vary per month depending on the number of inmates. The cost could possibly be covered by the opioid settlement funds. Mr. Boozel motioned to approve and seconded by Mr. Goldinger. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NEW HIRES

There are no new hires.

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 Ms. Osche.
The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Benjamin Holland, Secretary
Butler County Prison Board

Approved: September 20, 2022