

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Fayette County Prison Board was called to order on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 9:15 A.M. at the Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401 by Sheriff Brownfield.

Roll Call:

**The following Board Members were present at time of Roll Call:**

Sheriff Brownfield

Commissioner Ambrosini

Commissioner Zapotosky

Controller Sean Lally

Commissioner Zimmerlink

District Attorney Heneks

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of April Minutes:

**Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky and Seconded by Controller Lally to approve April minutes:**

<b>Sheriff Brownfield</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Ambrosini</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Zapotosky</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Controller Lally</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Zimmerlink</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>District Attorney Heneks</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>

**Motion passed unanimously**

Public Comment of Agenda Items:

**Police Chief, Jason Cox** spoke about the character of Chaplain Terry Sanders. He stated Chaplain Sanders is a valued asset to the jail; serving as bridge between the jail and the community, also a bridge between the Police Department and the community. Chief Cox said that Chaplain Sanders is a man of great character, and is an important asset to the citizens of Uniontown; as well as the Fayette County Jail.

**Andrian Wilson**, case manager of City Mission spoke briefly on the character of Chaplain Terry Sanders. Mrs. Wilson stated, Chaplain Terry Sanders was a man of character, educated, and a wonderful example of someone who made mistakes early in life, but was able to turn his life around. She stated that he is a great role model for the people he ministers to, and what are the intentions of the individuals are, that spoke negatively of Chaplain Sanders at the last meeting.

**William Jones** stated, he did not dispute Chaplain Sanders past, and how he turned his life around, he said that his issue with Chaplain Sanders was personal. Mr. Jones spoke of a situation regarding his wife and Chaplain Sanders where his wife was denied access, allegedly to an inmate at the jail due to her religion.

**Sheriff Brownfield** questioned who would be the one to deny access to Mr. Jones wife, who is a Reverend.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said that he was aware of the issue of Reverend Jones' access to the jail being denied, and emailed Warden Miller without response.

**Warden Brian Miller** stated, Reverend Jones was told to give three dates in writing, to inform the jail and Chaplain Sanders, when she was available to meet with the inmate. Warden Miller said Chaplain never received the request. Clerical visits requires request in writing.

**William Jones** said that was not true.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked Warden Miller if he responded to Commissioner Zapotosky's email, and asked if there is a written procedure regarding this matter.

**Warden Brian Miller** stated, there is no written procedure.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said a written procedure needs to be prepared.

**Roy Sarver** said that he supported the proposal of Terry Sanders for Chaplain of Fayette County Prison. Mr. Sarver added Chaplain Sanders is a man of great character.

**Sheriff Brownfield** said he will make sure a policy will be put in place regarding clergy visit.

**District Attorney Heneks** stated, comments regarding Reverend Sanders should have been made in the public comment at the end of the meeting, because there was no agenda item on today's agenda regarding Reverend Sanders. He said his own personal opinion of Reverend Sanders was that he is a great man, and echoed support of Reverend Sanders as Chaplain of the jail.

**Deborah Ellis** stated, Reverend Sanders is a great man, and it is unfortunate that individuals have made statements against Reverend Sanders' character.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** stated, the issue of Reverend Sanders' religion should have been addressed at the meeting in November, not now. She said the Board gave a directive to Warden Miller for a procedure, regarding clergy visits, to be established, and that was not done. She said statements against Reverend Sanders' religion should have been followed up on. She said the individuals who spoke about Reverend Sanders was just concerned citizens who asked a question, not negative remarks.

**Warden Brian Miller** stated, she is incorrect, and the statements made by the individuals regarding Reverend Sanders' background were false.

**Controller Sean Lally** stated, the meeting did include untrue and derogatory statements against Reverend Sanders and others disputing the comment Commissioner Zimmerlink made, stating there were not any negative comments regarding Reverend Sanders.

**Warden Brian Miller** said in the November Meeting Commissioner Zimmerlink instructed the individuals of the clergy, who wish to visit must give the Chaplain three dates that they were available.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** stated, *the Board* voted any clergy who wished to visit inmates must give three dates.

William Jones claimed Controller Sean Lally administered drugs to an inmate against his will.

**Sheriff Brownfield** said only public comments on agenda items would be heard.

Approval of May Bills:

**Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky and Seconded by Controller Sean Lally to approve May bills:**

<b>Sheriff Brownfield</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Ambrosini</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Zapotosky</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Controller Sean Lally</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>District Attorney Heneks</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Zimmerlink</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>

**Motion passed unanimously**

Population Report for May 2014

**Warden Brian Miller** stated, there are 215 males and 43 females for a total of 258 inmates in Fayette County Prison. There are 16 inmates in Bedford County, 5 inmates in Butler, and 27 inmates in Greene County, for a total of 48 male inmates out of county facilities.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked how many state inmates are here.

**Warden Brian Miller** said we have 11 state inmates here, due to lack of space for the female inmates, the male inmates were moved from third floor, and female inmates were put there.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked Warden Brian Miller if it is true the female inmates have been on lock down for months.

**Warden Brian Miller** stated, the female inmates were not on lock down for months.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** asked Warden Brian Miller if he was aware of an incident of a suspicious package containing contraband, that was found outside the jail.

**Warden Brian Miller** said we find packages outside the jail all the time.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said, I mean packages with contraband.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked if this was in addition to the two individuals spoke about in the Executive Session at the last meeting.

**Warden Brian Miller** said yes it is in addition to the two already discussed.

State Inspection Report:

**Warden Brian Miller** stated, he received a report yesterday for 2013.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** suggested we contact DOC regarding the delay of report.

**Warden Brian Miller** stated, the Annual Report of The Fayette County Courthouse was conducted November 5, 2013. The report stated the prison has achieved a 72.9 % compliance on essential regulations and 91.4% on non-essential regulations. Many policy changes were made by staff, and he commends all you who have assisted in the effort.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** echoed the staff worked hard to assist in getting the required policies in place to comply with State requirements. She said the final report is not ready, however progress has been made.

Court Administrator

None Present

Personnel:

Human Resources Director Dominick Carnicella requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters regarding two individuals.

**Moved by District Attorney Heneks and Second by Commissioner Ambrosini to move into Executive Session at 10:00 A.M.**

<b>Sheriff Brownfield</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>District Attorney Heneks</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Ambrosini</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Zapotosky</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Controller Sean Lally</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Zimmerlink</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Moved by District Attorney Heneks and Second by Commissioner Zapotosky to Return to Regular Session at 10:55 A.M.**

<b>Sheriff Brownfield</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Ambrosini</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Zapotosky</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>

**Controller Sean Lally** - **Aye**  
**Commissioner Zimmerlink** - **Aye**  
**District Attorney Heneks** - **Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Sheriff Brownfield** stated, there was discussion of disciplinary action to be taken against one individual.

**H.R. Director Dominick Carnicella** asked for the Board to consider approving the removal of part-time Correction Officer Andrew Homer effective April 30, 2014. This is a termination.

Kevin Locke stated, he was a Union Representative and commented on the firing of part-time Correction Officer Andrew Homer.

**Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky and Second by Controller Sean Lally to remove part-time Correction Officer Andrew Homer effective April 30, 2014.**

**Sheriff Brownfield** - **Aye**  
**Commissioner Ambrosini** - **Aye**  
**Commissioner Zapotosky** - **Aye**  
**Controller Sean Lally** - **Aye**  
**Commissioner Zimmerlink** - **Aye**  
**District Attorney Heneks** - **Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously**

Public Comment:

William Jones asked if there is or isn't a one on one policy with clergy visits.

**Warden Brian Miller** said he would check with Chaplain Terry Sanders to see if a policy exist regarding clergy visitation.

**Commissoner Ambrosini** stated, he supported the recommendation of Chaplain Terry Sanders as Chaplain for the Fayette County Prison. He is a valued assets who is able to connect with the inmates, because he has been in their situation. He also stated, he reviewed the Berk's County Policy regarding qualified religions and said we could use this example for Fayette County.

**District Attorney Heneks** stated, he would like to thank Controller Sean Lally for his great service to this County and wish him well also.

**Commissoner Ambrosini** stated, he wanted to thank Controller Sean Lally for his service and wish him well.

Thomas Jellots introduced himself to the Board, because he was interested in applying for a position with the county.

**Sheriff Brownfield** requested a motion to adjourn.

**Moved by District Attorney Heneks and Second by Commissioner Zapotosky to adjourn Prison Board Meeting on May 28, 2014 at 11:30 A.M.**

**Sheriff Brownfield** - **Aye**

**Commissoner Zapotosky** - **Aye**

**District Attorney Heneks** - **Aye**

**Commissioner Ambrosini** - **Aye**

**Controller Sean Lally** - **Aye**

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** - **Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourned**

