

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Fayette County Prison Board was called to order on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at 9:15 at the Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, Pa 15401.

Roll Call:

**Sheriff Brownfield**

**Commissioner Ambrosini**

**Commissioner Zapotosky (Arrived at 9:25)**

**Commissioner Zimmerlink**

**Controller Wrona**

**District Attorney Heneks**

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of July Minutes:

**Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and Seconded by District Attorney Heneks to approve July 2014 minutes:**

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

**Motion passed unanimously**

Public Comment of Agenda Items:

None

Approval of August Bills (Attached):

**Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and Seconded by District Attorney Heneks to approve August 2014 bills:**

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

<b>Commissioner Zapotosky</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Commissoner Zimmerlink</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Controller Wrona</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>District Attorney Heneks</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>

**Motion passed unanimously**

*Population Report for August 2014:*

**Warden Brian Miller** stated we have 191 male inmates housed in-house, 44 female inmates housed in-house for a total of 235, and 33 inmates in Greene County and 18 inmates in Bedford County for a total of 51 out of county inmates.

**Sheriff Brownfield** asked what the numbers are for expenditures.

**Warden Brian Miller** stated the month of July was \$74,635.00 and to date is \$499,082.25.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked how many state inmates are waiting to be sent to state facility.

**Warden Brian Miller** stated there are 7 inmates waiting to be sent to state facility.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked if any inmates of the 51 out of county were going to be brought back since we are currently housing under capacity.

**Warden Brian Miller** stated we will not bring inmates back due to court week which most likely fill the vacancy.

**Sheriff Brownfield** states our capacity for females is now 44 due to changes made within the facility.

**Warden Brian Miller** stated the changes made were moving all the female inmates to the third floor and removing all the male inmates from that floor.

**Sheriff Brownfield** stated seventeen state inmates were sent out yesterday and 7 remain to be sent out.

**Sheriff Brownfield** asked what was budgeted for county rentals.

Warden Brian Miller said the budget was \$550,000.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** stated it was budgeted low.

**District Attorney Heneks** said he was surprised it was budgeted low.

**\*\*\*Commissioner Zapotosky entered meeting.**

**Sheriff Brownfield** stated there would essentially be enough in the budget to cover another month.

**District Attorney Heneks** asked Warden Brian Miller was there was any sign that the jail population is going down, or if there was any sign that it may be reduced in the next six months.

**Warden Brian Miller** said he saw no sign the jail population would go down.

**District Attorney Heneks** said the day reporting center is operational and asked Warden Brian Miller if the reporting center has made any sizeable effect on the jail population.

**Warden Brian Miller** said the day reporting center hasn't had any sizeable effect on the overcrowding of the prison population.

**District Attorney Heneks** asked if the Warden thought we were virtually around the edges of dealing with the problem of overcrowding at this point.

**Warden Brian Miller** said yes.

**District Attorney Heneks** asked if Warden has seen any plans from other commissioners that may address the issue of overcrowding.

**Warden Brian Miller** said no he has not seen any other plans from any other commissioners.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** stated there is no magical solution to the problem, however he is exploring options that he will ultimately present to the Board of Commissioners as well as the Prison Board. This is a 40 year problem, and stated he is still committed to building the facility. He said he had issues regarding cost and other things. He also stated the Secretary of the DOC has said other programs can also help with the problem.

Court Administrator:

None

Personnel:

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked Director Dominick Carnicella if he was going to ask the Commissioners to go into Executive Session.

**Director of Human Resources Dominick Carnicella** said he would be asking for Executive Session.

Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if there are any items that are none Executive Session.

**Director of Human Resources Dominick Carnicella** said there are no none Executive Session items to discuss.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** stated she was contacted by a local business that would like to offer a work release program. She will call the individual and discuss some particulars and get with the Prison Board and the courts. A meeting with all of stakeholders and the local company will be scheduled, and see where we can go with it. President Judge said he would be willing to work with the jail and the county on work release programs.

**Director of Human Resources Dominick Carnicella** requested Executive Session to discuss three potential disciplinary actions.

**Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and Seconded by District Attorney Heneks to move to Executive Session at 9:26 to discuss disciplinary actions.**

**Sheriff Brownfield**

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**Aye**

<b>Commissioner Ambrosini</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Zapotosky</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Zimmerlink</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Controller Wrona</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>District Attorney</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Return to Executive Session at 10:45.**

**Sheriff Brownfield** said Director of Human Resources Dominick Carnicella would speak on the matters discussed in Executive Session.

**Director of Human Resources Dominick Carnicella** please consider the termination of Correction officer Brittany Jones effective immediately.

**Moved by District Attorney Heneks and Seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to terminate Correction Officer Brittany Jones effective immediately.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Director of Human Resources Dominick Carnicella** stated that the other two items discussed, no action will be taken.

*Public Comment:*

**Kevin Locke** stated the raise and its particulars has not yet been implemented and he wanted to know why.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** stated he spoke with Dominick Carnicella and Controller Wrona about the subject and there was additional information needed before the changes could be implemented.

**Director of Human Resources Dominick Carnicella** stated the questions were answered on Thursday, so it did not leave enough time to process this before the next pay period. The union requested the information upfront before the changes were implemented to ensure they are correct.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** asked Controller Wrona when the changes will take place.

**Controller Wrona** said this Friday is the target date.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked when Genesis House is going to be ready, and will it be an effective tool with our population rate.

**Warden Brian Miller** said the Genesis House will be an effective tool. The problem is, no one knows who will pay the bill.

**District Attorney Heneks** stated the use of the Genesis House is not going to result in anyone getting early parole.

**Warden Brian Miller** spoke with Reverend Sanders, and the court is on board, but it is unknown who is paying to use the services he uses. Warden Miller asked if the Prison Board would be willing to pay \$55 to Reverend Sanders for those who are out of jail and attending the Genesis House rather than sending the inmates to an out of county facility.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** stated the individuals are incarcerated individuals. The Genesis House is not equipped for that.

**District Attorney Heneks** says the issue of the intermediate punishment issue, we are charging defendants \$450 for a bracelet, or keeping them in jail if they can't afford it. The inmates housed in the jail because they are unable to pay cost the county \$55 a day. We are trying to work with the probation office, the County Commissioners, and the courts to look at some kind of reimbursement or sliding scale or something that would increase intermediate punishment programs.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said we already have the indigent funds that are used to do that.

**District Attorney Heneks** said the courts must not be aware of this or there is something amiss because Judge Wagner suggested there is only \$12,000 in the fund.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said the County Commissioners budgeted money for this purpose and they are the ones who asked for the money.

**District Attorney Heneks** said the courts must not know about the money then because he understood that the thought there was \$12,000 in the fund.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said there is no way they didn't know about the money when they asked for it.

**District Attorney Heneks** said at the last CJAB meeting he received that information from Judge Wagner that there was only \$12,000 in the budget.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said the funds are a line item under the APO budget, and she said everyone needs to be on the same page regarding the use of the Genesis House. If the doors are open the Warden, the courts, and the public defender's office need to understand the use of this in le of a sentence and what needs done to utilize the services The Genesis House provides.

**District Attorney Heneks** said that his understanding of how the Genesis House was to be used was, an inmate was in jail, and about to be paroled and the Genesis House was to serve as an intermediate step to get back into the community. This would not be a sentencing to the Genesis House although it was not impossible to do.

**Warden Brian Miller** said not all defendants will be sentenced to the Genesis House but there will be some.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said she thinks there is a need for a meeting with a representative from the public defender's office, the District Attorney, the Warden, the courts, and the Prison Board members to find out exactly what the program is about.

**District Attorney Heneks** said there is especially a need to meet and discuss the matter if there is a funding issue.

**Warden Brian Miller** said he knows there are individuals ready to go to the Genesis House, however he doesn't know how Reverend Sanders is going to get paid. He said who is going to pay him.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** asked Warden Brian Miller if Reverend Sanders had any contracts with the state institutions.

**Warden Brian Miller** said he doesn't believe he has any contracts right now with the state.

**Controller Wrona** said there is an indigent line.

**Kim Cumberland** said she would like to speak to an incident over at the prison. She claimed her husband received a phone call from Warden Brian Miller about an incident that went on in the jail or supposedly went on, and are implicating him to say that he heard or saw something he didn't. He knew nothing about the incident.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** questioned Warden Brian Miller if the statements were true.

**District Attorney Heneks** stated this is a personnel matter.

**Warden Brian Miller** stated no.

**Frank Rutherford /UMWA** said there seems to be some issues that there are five full time positions that have not been filled for some time. The positions open are causing tension amongst the part-time and full-time staff and he said he thought the part-time positions should be made full time. This decision would make sense financially if there is overtime being paid.

**Director of Human Resources Dominick Carnicella** stated he would look into the matter and bring it to the budget meeting in late September.

Adjournment:

**Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and Seconded by District Attorney Heneks to adjourn the Prison Board Meeting on August 27, 2014 @ 11:05.**

<b>Sheriff Brownfield</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Ambrosini</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Zapotosky</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Zimmerlink</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Controller Wrona</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>

**District Attorney Heneks**

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**Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourned**

