

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Fayette County Prison Board was called to order on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 9:15am at the Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401 by Sheriff Brownfield.

Roll Call:

The Following Board Members were Present at the Time of Roll Call:

Sheriff Gary Brownfield
Controller Sean Lally
Commissioner Alfred F. Ambrosini
Commissioner Vincent Zapotosky

The Following Board Member was Present after Roll Call:

Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink 9:17am
District Attorney Jack Heneks 9:25am

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

None

Approval of August 2013 Bills:

Sheriff Brownfield asked if there is any outstanding or any major repairs.

Warden Brian Miller answered no.

Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky, Seconded by Controller Lally, to Approve the August 2013 Bills:

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

Motion Passed Unanimously

Population Report:

Warden Brian Miller said

255 Inmates Housed in Fayette County Prison (232 Males and 23 Females)

83 Total Inmates Out of County

25 Inmates Housed in Butler County Prison (All Males)

6 Inmates Housed in Bedford County Prison

2 Inmates Housed in Armstrong County Prison

5 Inmates Housed in Cambria County Prison (All Males)

15 Inmates Housed in Center County Prison (All Males)

30 Inmates housed in Greene County Prison (12 Males and 18 Females)

Sheriff Brownfield asked if there are any inmates in Philadelphia.

Warden Brian Miller answered no.

Sheriff Brownfield asked if there are different prices.

Warden Brian Miller answered yes but \$60 is the average price. Some amounts are \$55 and some are \$65.

Controller Lally said that is a lower number than last month. Last month was 112.

Commissioner Ambrosini asked if 83 was the average number for the month.

Warden Brian Miller answered no. The average is probably in the mid-nineties.

Commissioner Zapotosky asked what the average rental cost is.

Controller Lally answered \$687,000 as of August the 20th.

Court Administrator:

Court Administrator Tammy Lambie stated the court is extremely upset with several mistakes that have been happening at the jail. The mistakes are becoming too astronomical. The court has allowed herself to talk to and work on a few things over at the jail. She is asking Kebin to put the jail's computer system on her, Karen, and Tammy's computers to view and access information. A lot of times they cannot receive the information they need but the system has it. Mike Zavada, Sean Bush, and Angie have been a tremendous help to her in the past few days. They are giving her the information needed to clear up some of the problems and are continuing to work on it. The court wants to continue to work on the mistakes and accountability held to the staff that are making constant mistakes.

Commissioner Zapotosky said initially it was discovered that there were problems regarding releases, bonds, and related issues. So it was implemented in a file to have a system to prevent reoccurring issues. He said if it continuing.

Court Administrator Tammy Lambie stated she was told a file didn't have the information she was looking for but when she personally viewed the file the information was there. The file folder at the jail didn't match the computer system.

Warden Brian Miller said this is a first that he has been made aware of this.

Court Administrator Tammy Lambie stated the courts need reinsurance that something can be done by the prison board to look at the issues.

Commissioner Ambrosini said a meeting has been scheduled with the appropriate parties to review those situations, determine where an improvement can be made, and resolve the issues. This needs to be corrected now to save money and potential liabilities. This is part of the improvement process to carry forward through the entire process of improving the jail situation. He is sure steps can be taken to resolve the issues successfully.

Sheriff Brownfield stated he has given Dominick notebooks of things deputies have reported. There have been problems of where inmates are to be housed. One person cannot keep track of all the inmates out of county.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said there isn't anyone in this room who hasn't received e-mails stating an issue with an inmate. This is not something that can be done quickly. A lot of this should be looked at and reviewed. She asked to be informed of when the meeting is so she can be there.

Personnel:

Human Resource Director Dominick Carnicella said he would like to request an executive session to discuss an outstanding grievance and a possible disciplinary action.

Moved by Sheriff Brownfield and Seconded Commissioner Zapotosky:

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

Motion Passed Unanimously

Executive Session: 9:36am

Regular Session: 10:05am

Sheriff Brownfield stated there were no decisions made during the executive session.

Human Resource Director Dominick Carnicella said to please consider the promotion of part time corrections officer Heather Raffle to a full time position effective today at \$15.62 per hour.

Moved by Sheriff Brownfield and Seconded Controller Lally:

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

Motion Passed Unanimously

Human Resource Director Dominick Carnicella stated to please consider approving the hire of Brian Grady to a part time corrections officer position at \$15.62 per hour effective September 9th.

Moved by Sheriff Brownfield and Seconded Controller Lally:

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

Motion Passed Unanimously

Public Comment:

Union President/Corrections Officer Mike Hicks said he will get with Mr. Carnicella to fill out the proper paper work concerning a few grievances back in June and then bring it up during the next meeting. He would to establish an honor guard at the jail to promote comradely, has been trying to do so for several years, and has been shut down. The old uniforms were destroyed but what he has on he put together and economically.

Commissioner Zapotosky stated a CO passed away a few years ago, he went to the viewing, and it was disappointing not to see a tribute.

Sheriff Brownfield said that 99% of the prison has honor guards.

Union President/Corrections Officer Mike Hicks stated it would be qualified personnel.

Adjournment:

Moved by Sheriff Brownfield and Seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky, to Adjourn the Meeting:

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

Motion Passed Unanimously