

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Fayette County Prison Board was called to order on Wednesday, September 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  
Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink (By Telephone)

**The Following Board Member was Present after Roll Call:**

None

**The Following Board Member was Absent at the Time of Roll Call:**

District Attorney Jack Heneks

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of July and August 2013 Meeting Minutes:

**Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky, Seconded by Controller Lally, to Approve the June 2013**

**Meetings Minutes:**

<b>Sheriff Brownfield</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Controller Lally</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>District Attorney Heneks</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

Public Comment:

There were comments and questions responded to.

Approval of September 2013 Bills:

**Sheriff Brownfield** asked if there is anything outstanding.

**Warden Brian Miller** answered no.

**Sheriff Brownfield** asked if the inmate rentals are correct from last month.

**Warden Brian Miller** answered yes, from his office.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** asked where that brings the county on an annual rate.

**Controller Lally** answered \$830,000.00 year to date as of August 30<sup>th</sup>. \$145,998 includes the month of August. This puts the county on track to be well over \$1,000,000 this year.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** stated to his understanding that total is only for out-of-county rentals and does not include transportation cost.

**Controller Lally** confirmed that is correct.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said inmates are going as far as Center County and State College.

**Sheriff Brownfield** asked if there are any prisons closer.

**Warden Brian Miler** answered no that is close as the county gets.

**Sheriff Brownfield** asked if there is another influx, where does the county go.

**Warden Brian Miler** answered out toward Philadelphia.

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

<b>Sheriff Brownfield</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Controller Lally</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>District Attorney Heneks</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

Population Report:

**Warden Brian Miller** said

246 Inmates Housed in Fayette County Prison (210 Males and 36 Females)  
1 Inmate Housed in Armstrong County Prison  
5 Inmates Housed in Bedford County Prison  
5 Inmates Housed in Cambria County Prison  
19 Inmates housed in Greene County Prison (10 Males and 9 Females)  
34 Inmates Housed in Butler County Prison (All Males)  
13 Inmates Housed in Center County Prison (All Males)  
77 Total Inmates Out-Of-County (68 Males and 9 Females)

**Controller Lally** stated with the following numbers just given, the million dollar mark will be exceeded by the end of September.

Personnel:

None

Crabtree-Rohbaugh and Associates:

**Tom Crabtree** gave a Fayette County Prison Facility Needs Assessment & Feasibility Study September 16, 2013 Working Draft Presentation (details are on the Fayette County website homepage).

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said the study done 12 years ago (in 2001) had similar projections to today but unfortunately no one acted. If nothing is done, it is going to cost the county 85 million dollars over the next 30 years in addition to what the budget will have to be. If nothing is done, taxes will have to increase to cover those costs. Taxes will not have to be raised with revenue streams coming in and the problems can be fixed.

**Sheriff Brownfield** stated the county could do nothing and let the children worry about it 30 years from now or do something now to save the county a lot of money. Fayette County has practically paid for other counties additions with the money they received from Fayette County's out-of-county prisoners.

**Member of the Public** asked about Fayette County using the Greensburg SCI.

**Tom Crabtree** answered it is not well suited for Fayette County because of the finances involved to supervise inmates.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said the Greensburg SCI is an 1100 bed facility which is way beyond what the county needs. There are too many inefficiencies with that prison and he doesn't want the county to migrate to another inefficient prison.

**Moved by Sheriff Brownfield and Seconded by Controller Lally, to the Board to Accept the Recommendation of Crabtree-Rohbaugh and Associates to Take Option Number Two (Which is the Most Cost Effective Savings/to Build a New Facility):**

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

**Motion Passed 4 to 1**

**Moved by Commissioner Ambrosini and Seconded by Controller Lally, to Adopt the Fayette County Fairgrounds Site as the Site to be Utilized as the Construction of Option Two:**

**Commissioner Zapotosky** stated this site is currently owned by Fayette County so it would come at no cost to the county.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** confirmed the property is county owned property and it would save the county in the neighborhood of a million dollars. It has been evaluated along with 18 other sites across the county. The site was chosen for economic savings and centralized location.

**Rob Sleighter** gave the site plans of the location.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said all 18 of the sites didn't pop up at one time or even a month, they were a result of investigation and people's input (at least in a 10 month period), and then placed in the newspaper. Some of the reasons the site was chosen, was for economic savings and location (in the center of the county).

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

**Motion Passed 4 to 1**

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked Tom if he considered the out-of-county boarding costs prior to 2012 in his evaluation.

**Tom Crabtree** answered the needs assessment section of his evaluation dates back to 2003.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** stated he also needs to take into factor the results of the day reporting center (it has only been in operation under 30 days) and treatment courts (which have not been actively used).

**Tom Crabtree** said there is no way to measure the impact, however if the projections are looked at (driven by statistics) in the past five years instead of the past 10 years, the growth has been discounted deliberately knowing those programs are going to happen. He said those programs must be made effective if the county is to fall within the range of the recommended projection. To take into consideration the programs, he has given the lowest projections that he can justify based on Fayette County data, state wide data, national trends, national crime trends, uniform crime reporting act trends, and number of arrests.

**Sheriff Brownfield** stated by having a prison at that size, should the population decline, why can't the county rent bed space to other counties to get some revenue.

**Tom Crabtree** said the county certainly can. He doesn't recommend the county overbuild. He recommends the county build the smallest building that can rationally be expected to be needed in 10 years with some growth potential. There is the option to defer some of the cost by renting space to other counties if the space is not needed but to build space for that purpose is not recommended.

Public Comment:

There were comments and questions responded to.

Court Administrator:

**Court Administrator Tammy Lambie** stated her concerns from the last meeting have not yet been addressed.

**Warden Brian Miller** said he will look into it today and get back to her.

Adjournment:

**Moved by Controller Lally and Seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini, to Adjourn the Meeting:**

<b>Sheriff Brownfield</b>	-	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Controller Lally</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>District Attorney Heneks</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>

**Motion Passed Unanimously**