

MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, 555 S. 10TH STREET
ROOM 112 - CHAMBERS

Board Members Present: Christa Yoakum; Sean Flowerday; Roma Amundson; Rick Vest; and Matt Schulte

Others Present: Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Ken Gray, Jail Administrator; and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office

Advanced public notice of the meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board, and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, website and emailed to media on February 15, 2023, and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on February 13, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall at the back of the meeting room.

AGENDA ITEM

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2022

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Vest seconded approval of the November 3, 2022 meeting minutes. Vest, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Amundson were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

II. POPULATION STATISTICS & CHARTS

Gray reviewed a presentation that covered various aspects of the Corrections Department (see agenda packet).

a. Population Comparisons

Gray stated the jail population is high for this time of year with an average daily population of 665 which is 98.7% of the jail's operational capacity. As of February 8, there were 609 in custody. The average bookings per individual was 13 times and 28% of those in custody having served State incarceration time. Additionally, the average length of stay has increased over the past year.

Gray said a needs assessment should be conducted of the criminal justice system. Experts would review data and trends that could assist with observations as to why individuals are in the jail. Flowerday asked what needs to happen for the study to be conducted. Derbin responded the study would need to be budgeted for and a process including the possibility of a Request for Proposal (RFP) selection.

Flowerday asked if waiting until budget hearings would be problematic for the jail. Gray answered the sooner the assessment could be conducted the better.

b. Booking and Lodging Totals

Bookings have increased over 6% from prior years and lodgings have increased 11%. Gray felt part of the reasons lodgings may have increased are due to higher bond requirements which usually correlate with more serious charges.

c. Custodial Sanctions/County Reinvestment Act

Gray reviewed the custodial sanctions noting since August, 2015 inmates have served 27,922 days at an estimated cost of \$100 per day. For the past quarter, 12 individuals had Post-Release Supervision revoked. These individuals would have been returned to the state correctional facilities prior to LB605 (Provide, change, and eliminate penalties, punishments, sentencing, restitution, probation, parole, and crime victim provisions and provide for post-release supervision, grants, and suspension of medical assistance for inmates).

d. Regional Center Waiting Periods

Gray noted the number of days that individuals wait for admittance to the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC) has increased again. Representatives from the LRC come to the jail and assist the jail in stabilizing individuals.

Flowerday inquired if payments for individuals waiting at the jail over 30 days post LRC commitment have been received. Gray said Brad Johnson, Corrections Director, received a letter that payments will be made for \$100 per day plus costs. Invoices have been sent to the LRC but no reimbursements have been received.

e. Community Hospital Posts

Gray reviewed the hospital posts (see agenda packet).

f. Felonies Sentenced to Lancaster County

Gray reviewed felonies sentenced to the County (see agenda packet).

g. Drug Court Remand

h. Violation of House Arrest

i. FY22 Statistics Report

See agenda packet for information on Items II g-i.

III. PROGRAMMING

Gray stated individuals are encouraged to get to additional support programs once they are released from jail.

IV. TRANSPORTATION

Gray stated the option for inmates to have video court has helped with transports.

V. WORK CREWS

Gray reviewed the work crew information (see agenda packet).

VI. TRAINING

See agenda packet for information on Item VI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.



Matt Hansen
Lancaster County Clerk

