

MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022 AT 9:15 A.M.
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, 555 S. 10TH STREET
ROOM 112 - CHAMBERS

Board Members Present: Deb Schorr, Chair; Roma Amundson; Sean Flowerday; Rick Vest; and Christa Yoakum

Others Present: Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Brad Johnson, Corrections Director; Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director; 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 23, 2022, and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on February 21, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 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 DECEMBER 2, 2021

MOTION: Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the December 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

II. POPULATION STATISTICS & CHARTS

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

a. Population Comparisons

Johnson noted there has been a 5.7% increase in the jail population with an average daily population of 614. This is 92.3% of the jail's operational capacity. He voiced his concerns about the possibility of a large average daily population during the upcoming summer months, especially as the average length of stay is increasing.

When asked about the conditionally released detainees, Johnson said the courts and jail were working together during the pandemic to lower the number of inmates. He was hopeful the State's new Gov2Go project in which individuals may sign themselves up for court date reminders would help to reduce the Failure to Appear (FTA) numbers.

Schorr inquired if there are individuals in the County pre-trial felony population that could qualify for conditional release or diversion programs. Etherton stated many in that population have violent charges, especially domestic violence charges, which lead to limited possibilities for release.

- b. Booking and Lodging Totals**
- c. Pre-Trial and Sentence Conversion Release**
- d. Custodial Sanctions/County Reinvestment Act**

Concerning custodial sanctions, Jeff Curry, Chief Probation Officer, Adult Probation, said the number of sanctions has stabilized. For those serving time for an offense occurring after September 2019, if they violate the parole terms, the individual can revert to the original sentence term. Those serving longer term sentences could be resentenced to prison and those with shorter sentences would be resentenced to jail.

e. Regional Center Waiting Periods

The Board discussed the length of time individuals are waiting to be admitted to the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC). Etherton said she is working with the LRC about assisting with individuals' transitions from the LRC to community-based services including the possibility of Mental Health Diversion programs.

- f. Community Hospital Posts**
- g. Felonies Sentenced to Lancaster County**
- h. Drug Court Remand**
- i. Violation of House Arrest**
- j. FY21 Statistics Report**

See agenda packet for Items IIB-J.

- III. PROGRAMMING**
- IV. TRANSPORTATION**
- V. WORK CREWS**
- VI. TRAINING**

See agenda packet for Items III-VI.

Johnson discussed the jail's capacity and bond. He noted the jail was designed to meet its capacity by 2025. The jail bonds are 20-year bonds. The jail will be at capacity before the bonds are fully repaid.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vest moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. Amundson, Vest, Flowerday, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Nolte

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Lancaster County Clerk

