

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
8:30 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Brad Johnson, Corrections Director; and Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 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 FEBRUARY 27, 2020

MOTION: Vest moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the February 27, 2020 meeting minutes. Vest, Yoakum, Flowerday, Amundson and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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

II. POPULATION STATISTICS & CHARTS

a. Population Comparisons

Johnson noted the interventions of the criminal justice system allowed for the lower number of individuals in the jail; however, that number is increasing. Individuals were quarantined for 10-14 days at the beginning of the pandemic. Due to space issues, they currently may be quarantined for fewer days. He noted he is having difficulty with space for the inmates suffering mental illness.

b. Booking and Lodging Totals

c. Pre-Trial and Sentence Conversion Release

Johnson stated the sentence conversion for 2020 is higher due to the increased use of sentencings other than jail, such as house arrest.

d. Custodial Sanctions/County Reinvestment Act

Amundson exited the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Jeff Curry, Chief Probation Officer, Adult Probation, said there was a 32% decrease in Post Release Supervision (PRS) cases being ordered. In reference to cases that would have been affected by

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), he said those cases would need to have occurred on or after September 1, 2019. Cases impacted with longer stays due to LB605 will be seen in the future.

- e. Regional Center Waiting Periods**
- f. Community Hospital Posts**
- g. Felonies Sentenced to Lancaster County**
- h. Drug Court Remand**
- i. Violation of House Arrest**
- j. COVID Update**

When asked if there was anything the Board could do to emphasize the pandemic is still an issue regarding the number of individuals in the jail, Johnson stated he would like warrant suspensions to be continued into December. Currently, warrant suspensions are set to expire September 8th. There is an Amnesty Day and Night Court scheduled for September 3rd and September 24th, respectively.

Etherton said she has contacted County Court for a list of outstanding warrants to contact the effected individuals.

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Vest seconded to authorize Johnson to work with the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter asking for an extension of the warrant deadline to a date felt appropriate to Johnson due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19 in the jail. Vest, Flowerday, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

k. Fiscal Year 2020 Report

III. PROGRAMMING

Johnson noted visits have resumed on a limited basis while regular programming has not been restarted. The jail programming requirements have been suspended through December. Additionally, individuals in the jail have sewn 7,000-8,000 masks.

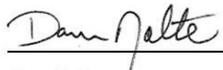
IV. TRANSPORTATION

V. WORK CREWS

VI. TRAINING

Mitchel Herian, Ph. D, Soval Solutions LLC, gave a presentation (see agenda packet). He noted high utilizers are individuals with 5 or more bookings per year. Johnson added the average length of stay is increasing though the number of bookings are decreasing.

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded to adjourn the Board of Corrections meeting at 9:20 a.m. Vest, Flowerday, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

