

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 AT 9:45 A.M.**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, 555 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> 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; 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 September 12, 2022, and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on September 9, 2022.*

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 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 MAY 5, 2022**

**MOTION:** Vest moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the May 5, 2022 meeting minutes. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson, Yoakum 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 stated the average daily population was 595 which is a 6.5% increase from last year and is 89.5% of the department's operational capacity. A population of 590 or less is optimal for quarantine purposes. These amounts are closer to pre-pandemic numbers. He also noted the average length of stay is getting longer, which is in part due 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) that states misdemeanors cannot be served at the State correctional facilities.

Schorr inquired if Johnson has noticed any differences in the population since the launch of the Failure To Appear text reminder program. Johnson said no changes have been seen so far.

**b. Booking and Lodging Totals**

The average number of bookings and lodgings was down approximately 5%.

**c. Custodial Sanctions/County Reinvestment Act**

Flowerday requested the custodial sanctions report be forwarded to the County's lobbyists.

**d. Regional Center Waiting Periods**

Johnson reported the number of individuals waiting for admittance to the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC) is declining. He felt the press attention, legislative changes and lawsuit in Sarpy County have had a positive effect on the number of inmates waiting for LRC.

**e. Community Hospital Posts**

Johnson said hospitalizations are a large staff strain.

**f. Felonies Sentenced to Lancaster County**

**g. Drug Court Remand**

**h. Violation of House Arrest**

When asked about violations of house arrest, Johnson answered Community Corrections would be best equipped with those statistics.

**III. PROGRAMMING**

Johnson said he is struggling to find volunteers for programming. The men's drug treatment program will begin next week. The women's drug treatment program has been going well.

**IV. TRANSPORTATION**

**V. WORK CREWS**

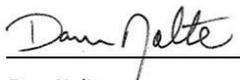
**VI. TRAINING**

Harvard Study

Johnson stated the County has been participating in a Harvard study since August 16<sup>th</sup> to see if monetary bonds increase the likelihood of returning to court as well as outcomes of sentencing and re-offense rates. Seven individuals were identified as candidates for the study. Of those seven, one individual was released, two individuals declined to participate and four individuals were left in custody as part of the study's control group. Of those left in custody, all individuals posted their bond within four days.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Vest seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Vest, Amundson, Yoakum, Flowerday and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

