

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
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9:45 A.M.**

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

Others Present: 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 December 1, 2021, and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on November 29, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 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 AUGUST 19, 2021

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the August 19, 2021 meeting minutes. Yoakum, Flowerday, Amundson, 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 22.6% increase in the jail population with an average daily population of 641.

When asked about holds for other jurisdictions, Johnson explained these are individuals that are picked up in the County and in the County's custody until the appropriate jurisdiction retrieves the individual. He added these individuals are generally in the Lancaster County jail for two to three days.

Johnson reported there are currently eight positive COVID cases in the jail. The department is working on securing a reliable source for rapid tests with an estimated average of conducting 1,000 tests per month.

Johnson discussed the jail's infirmary which is constantly full, resulting in individuals being housed in both the booking and transport areas (see agenda packet, page 8). There is the possibility of more than one individual booked into an infirmary cell at the same time. The infirmary cells represented in

these areas on the first graph are on either behavior watch or suicide watch. The second graph shows infirmity cells on behavior watch, suicide watch and medical observations. The third graph shows individuals on behavior watch, suicide watch and medical observations. He noted mental health is the largest reason for the increases in the graph bars.

Regarding the population, Schorr asked if the County is seeing any impact from the Treatment Diversion program. Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, stated the bond issue has not been addressed yet. Schorr felt the Board should encourage the County Attorney to follow up with the judges on the bond review process.

Vest requested clarification on the distinction between City versus County pretrial. Johnson answered there are two different systems of laws: ordinances versus statutes.

- b. Booking and Lodging Totals**
- c. Pre-Trial and Sentence Conversion Release**
- d. Custodial Sanctions/County Reinvestment Act**
- 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. FY21 Statistics Report**

See agenda packet for Items IIB-J.

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

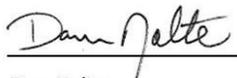
See agenda packet for Items III-VI.

When asked about house arrest, Etherton stated some judges will require the individual to serve the entire original sentence in jail if house arrest is revoked.

Johnson noted the County is participating in a Harvard study to see if monetary bonds increase the likelihood of returning to court as well as outcomes of sentencing and re-offense rates. This study is conducted at no cost to the County.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. Yoakum, Amundson, Flowerday, Vest and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.


Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

