

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006  
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Bernie Heier, Chair  
Bob Workman, Vice Chair  
Larry Hudkins  
Ray Stevens  
Deb Schorr

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director  
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2006**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Board of Corrections Meeting minutes dated May 18, 2006. Heier, Workman, Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

**2 POPULATION STATISTICS**

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, said bookings are down 777 during the four month reporting period, compared with the same period in 2005, bringing the average bookings down by 194 detainees. Those decreases and the Platte County housing contract have reduced the average daily population at the downtown facility to 248 inmates. Population at the Lancaster Correctional Facility (LCF) has remained at, or over, capacity throughout the year.

## B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

## C. Population Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

# 3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

## A. Training

Thurber said in-service training sessions for security staff and selected support staff covered emergency procedures, suicide awareness and substance abuse. Orientation training for new correctional officers, on-call officers, nurses and mental health workers and training for all part-time officers were also held.

## B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Project

Thurber said the Mental Health Jail Diversion Project received a Bureau of Justice Expansion grant for an additional two years. There are currently 19 active clients in the program.

## C. Platte County Housing

Thurber said an average of 34 inmates are housed in Platte County each month.

## D. In-House/Road Crew Projects

Thurber said maintenance and work crews assisted the Health Department with their move. Maintenance crews wired security cameras at LCF. Work crews removed an old tire house at the County Sheriff's shooting range, hauled tables for the Election Commission, picked up surplus property for the County Surplus Sale and assisted with collections for the annual Food Bank Drive. Road crews picked up litter along county roads, clearing approximately 175 miles per month.

## E. Programs Division Update

Thurber gave a brief overview of the work that is being done with inmates placed in Emergency Protective Custody (EPC).

## F. New Business

Thurber said LCF was inspected by the Bureau of Fire Prevention in August and was found to be in compliance. The Lincoln Fire Department conducted a walk-through inspection in September.

Thurber said his department will work with Emergency Management and law enforcement to address evacuation measures in a disaster.

## G. Pre-Architectural Comments

Thurber said the Pre-Architectural Planning Team will present a draft report in October. The report will include an overview of the study process, an assessment of the jail facility, growth trends and projected capacity through 2025. It will also include an analysis of the existing facility, architectural programming to meet future needs, a projection of costs, phasing considerations and an implementation schedule. He said the study has identified the need for an additional 400 beds with expansion capacity up to 1,000 beds. Five potential sites, including the existing jail site, have been identified.

The Board scheduled the presentation on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

## 4 OTHER BUSINESS

Heier inquired about placing two part-time bailiff's under Thurber's supervision.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said several meetings have been held on this issue and a report will be forthcoming.

## 5 ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Workman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 a.m. Workman, Stevens, Hudkins, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
Lancaster County Clerk