

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
QUARTERLY MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008
8:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Bernie Heier, Chair
Larry Hudkins
Ray Stevens
Deb Schorr

Board Members Absent: Bob Workman, Vice Chair

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Board of Corrections Meeting minutes dated May 15, 2008. Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

2 POPULATION STATISTICS

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, reported a 3.2% increase in average daily population and a 12% increase in average monthly book-ins from the first quarter to the second quarter.

Thurber said the department strives to keep out-of-county housing under 52 inmates each day to stay within the contractual housing budget. Lancaster County is currently housing inmates in Butler, Platte and York Counties, due to overcrowding.

B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

C. Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Training

Thurber said five full-time officers completed the Field Training Officer Program. The training division also conducted in-service training for all uniformed staff.

B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Project

Thurber said 58 individuals were identified as possible candidates for the Jail Diversion Project this quarter, based on charges, and nine were accepted into the program. He noted the project is having more success placing individuals in residential treatment facilities.

C. Out of County Housing

Thurber said the department continues to utilize facilities in Butler, Platte and York Counties. He said Hall County has also expressed interest in being a provider, at a rate of \$55 per day, and said it may be viable option if Hall County agrees to provide transport.

D. Lancaster Correctional Facility (LCF)/Work Crew Projects

Thurber said work crews assisted the Election Commission in loading poll booths and election supplies for the Primary Election and are now assisting maintenance staff in rebuilding battery packs for the emergency back-up lighting system. Road crews continue to pick up litter along county roads. He said 32 miles were cleared in May and 80 were cleared in June.

In response to a question Heier, Thurber said he spoke with Jerry Shorney, Parks and Recreation, regarding the possibility of having a work crew assist the Parks and Recreation Department. He said transportation and supervision issues still need to be resolved.

E. Programs Division

Thurber said evaluations with the consulting psychiatrist average 41 per month. An average of three inmates per month were placed into Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) and were transferred with a jail hold to the Crisis Center or Lincoln Regional Center (LRC).

4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Jail Design Workshops

Thurber noted six jail design workshops were held this quarter focusing primarily on schematic design and the program service component. He said the Transition Coordinator, is breaking staff into small groups to assist in the booking design and with equipment issues.

B. Mission Statement

Thurber said staff members representing all areas of the Corrections Department assisted in developing drafts of the Mission, Values and Vision Statements.

5 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m. Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk