

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
QUARTERLY MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008
8:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Bob Workman, Vice Chair
Ray Stevens
Deb Schorr

Board Members Absent: Bernie Heier, Chair
Larry Hudkins

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

The Vice Chair opened the meeting at 8:23 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the Board of Corrections Meeting minutes dated July 31, 2008. Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

2 POPULATION STATISTICS

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, reported a 9% increase in average daily population this quarter. He said there were several population spikes during the July to September reporting period, due to warrant sweeps and drug related arrests.

B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

C. Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Training

Thurber said the Training Division conducted 248 interviews with correctional officer candidates. Orientation training was provided to six new officers. Nine full-time officers completed the Field Training Officer Program. The Training Division also oversaw the department's booth at the Nebraska State Fair.

B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program

Thurber said 19 individuals were accepted into the Mental Health Jail Diversion Program this quarter and 71 individuals were identified as possible candidates for the program. The program was able to hire another Intensive Case Manager and is in the process of hiring a Recovery Specialist who will assist individuals in transitioning to other services.

C. Out-of-County Housing

Thurber said Lancaster County continues to house inmates in Butler, Platte and York Counties, due to overcrowding. He noted the new Hall County jail is open and said, although their rate is a little higher (\$55 per day), they are willing to provide transport.

Stevens asked whether there would be an advantage to consolidating out-of-county placements at one location.

Thurber said there may be, although, it is nice to have options.

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

Thurber said work crews moved surplus property for the Corrections, Health and Purchasing Departments in preparation for the County Surplus Sale. They also set up tables and chairs for the Food Bank Drive luncheon and collected food barrels from the various departments.

Thurber said road crews completed road pick-up for this year. He said every county road has been picked up within the last three years.

Schorr said the City libraries have been using moving companies to move collections between, and within, libraries and she suggested they consider using the jail work crews instead.

E. Programs Division

Thurber said evaluations with the consulting psychiatrist averaged 36 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

Thurber noted Ed Winters, one of the Work Release Officers, recently passed away and said this may be an appropriate time to move screening of work release applicants to the Corrections Department.

Thurber said a presentation on plans for the housing and care of mentally ill inmates in the new facility was given to the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Advisory Committee.

5 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 a.m. Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk