

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
QUARTERLY MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009
8:45 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director
Bob Jarrett, Corrections Maintenance/Construction
Manager
Brad Johnson, Transition Coordinator
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 8:45 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the May 21, 2009 Board of Corrections Meeting minutes. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Stevens abstained from voting. Motion carried.

2 POPULATION STATISTICS

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, reported an increase of 7.7% in the average daily population, compared to the same quarter in 2008. The sharpest increase was at the Airpark facility. Bookings averaged 868 during this quarter. He said they continue to house 50 or more inmates out-of-county per day.

B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

C. Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Training

Thurber said the facility has continuous recruitment and 538 applications for correctional officer positions were received this quarter. More than 1,400 applications were received during the first six months of this year. There are no openings at this time.

B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program

Thurber said 63 individuals were screened this quarter and ten new individuals were accepted. The project has hired a Recovery Specialist through a Community Health Endowment (CHE) grant.

C. Out-of-County Housing

Thurber said the department continues to house inmates in Butler, Platte and York Counties, due to overcrowding, and has secured a contract with Saunders County and will begin to house inmates in their facility next quarter.

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

Thurber said work crew projects included routine maintenance projects in the jail facility, loading voting equipment for the Election Commissioner and moving the Aging Department and City Attorney's Office.

E. Programs Division

Thurber said Correctional Specialists conducted an average of 30 evaluations per month with the consulting psychiatrist this quarter. An average of four individuals per month were placed into Emergency Protective Custody and transferred to the Crisis Center or Lincoln Regional Center with a jail hold.

Thurber said the Work Release Coordinator reviews an average of 172 court-ordered release applications per month and said the average number of individuals on work release this quarter was 28.

4 NEW BUSINESS/TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

A. Design Review

Brad Johnson, Transition Coordinator, said the design review continues. He said representatives from the Carlson/West/Pavondra Architectural Firm conducted a quality control analysis and said some design changes were made. Meetings were held with Lincoln Police Department (LPD) and Lincoln Sheriff's Office (LSO) representatives to discuss the final version of the pre-book area and both agencies expressed satisfaction. Interior finishes were also selected.

Schorr asked that they bring the design board to the next meeting.

B. District Energy

Johnson said they met with the District Energy Corporation (DEC) and discussed fiber optic development and expectations regarding equipment maintenance.

C. Ground Breaking Event

Johnson said planning and coordination of the ground breaking event took place this quarter.

D. Time Series Camera

Johnson said the pole for the camera has been installed and the camera should be operational in the next two to three weeks.

E. Training

Johnson said he attended inmate behavioral management training conducted by the National Institute of Corrections.

F. Presentation

Johnson said he gave a presentation on current facility operations and an overview of the design for the new facility to an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) class from the University of Nebraska and conducted a tour of the current facility.

5 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Hudkins, Stevens, Workman, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk