

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
QUARTERLY MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009
8:45 A.M.**

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

Board Members Absent: Bernie Heier, Chair

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director
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 Vice Chair opened the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

**1 APPROVAL OF BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the September 10, 2009 Board of Corrections Meeting minutes. Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

2 POPULATION STATISTICS

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, reported a 1.5% increase in average daily population, compared to the same period in 2008. The highest daily population occurred on August 19th when the department housed 537 inmates. Total lodgings declined 6% this quarter which indicates inmates are being held longer.

B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

C. Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Training

Thurber said there were 555 applications for Correctional Officer positions this quarter, adding there is only one opening at this time. He said the Officers' Training Academy and Field Training Officer Program were offered this quarter. Training was also provided to Community Corrections employees.

B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program

Thurber said 11 individuals were accepted into the Mental Health Jail Diversion Program this quarter. There are currently 38 active participants. Five are enrolled in Drug Court and two were referrals from Community Corrections. A new Recovery Specialist was also hired for the program this quarter.

C. Out-of-County Housing

Thurber said they continue to house inmates in Butler, Platte, Saunders and York Counties, due to overcrowding.

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

Thurber said jail work crew activities included assisting other departments with moves, collecting food barrels for the Food Bank Drive and routine facility maintenance.

E. Programs Division

Thurber said there were an average of 36 evaluations per month with the consulting psychiatrist this quarter. An average of three inmates per month were placed into Emergency Protective Custody and transferred to the Crisis Center or Lincoln Regional Center with a jail hold.

Thurber also reported that more than 219 educational, self-help and religious programs were provided to inmates per month during this quarter.

4 NEW BUSINESS/TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

A. Design Review

Brad Johnson, Transition Coordinator, said he participated in a review of all architectural and detention doors for the new facility. He said they also reviewed the elevator design and fencing options.

B. Coordination

Johnson said there are weekly meetings with Sampson Construction (Construction Manager at-Risk) and regular meetings with Clark Enersen (architect) to review shop drawings. He said Bob Jarrett, Corrections Maintenance/Construction Manager, is reviewing each document conveyed between the contractors to see if there are any issues the County needs to monitor.

C. Tour

Johnson said a contingent from Lancaster County recently toured the Tindall Plant (precast, prestressed concrete plant) in San Antonio, Texas and inspected the cell modules they have constructed. He said some minor issues were observed, which the manufacturer has agreed to correct.

D. Groundbreaking

Johnson reported that nearly 100 individuals attended the groundbreaking ceremony on July 14th.

5 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 a.m. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk