

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
QUARTERLY MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010
8:30 A.M.**

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

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 Chair opened the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the May 6, 2010 Board of Corrections Meeting minutes. Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2 POPULATION STATISTICS

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, said there has been a 5.7% increase in average daily population compared to the same quarter in 2009. The average daily population is 498. There has been a slight decrease in bookings for the same period.

Heier questioned the impact Community Corrections is having on jail population numbers and said that is an issue he will want to address in the future.

Thurber said out-of-county housing has been cut back in response to budget concerns.

B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

C. Fiscal Year 2010 Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

D. Fiscal Year 2009 Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Training

Thurber said there were 395 applications for Correctional Officer positions for the period April-June, 2010. Orientation training was provided to two new, full-time officers. Ten staff members attended a Nebraska Jail Standards Conference in Kearney, Nebraska and three other staff members attended the American Jail Association's Annual Training and Jail Expo Conference in Portland, Oregon this quarter.

B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program

Thurber said the Mental Health Jail Diversion Program accepted 12 new clients this quarter. Four cases were successfully closed. Nine were terminated (most were Drug Court individuals). He said they generally maintain 33 in the program. Thurber said they have asked the program to look at individuals with low-grade felony charges because they tend to take up a lot of jail days.

C. Out-of-County Housing

Thurber said they are still housing inmates in Butler, Platte and Saunders Counties, due to overcrowding in the jail facility. He said Saline County has opened up beds and a contract to house inmates in their facility will be scheduled on the August 17th County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda (the rate will be \$45 per inmate, per day).

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

Thurber said the jail work crews performed routine facility maintenance, picked up trash along a bike trail in preparation for the Lincoln Marathon and assisted departments with office moves.

E. Programs Division

Thurber said Correctional Specialists coordinated an average of 36 evaluations per month with the consulting psychiatrist this quarter. An average of two inmates per month were placed into Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) and transferred with a jail hold to the Crisis Center or Lincoln Regional Center. The Work Release Coordinator reviewed an average of 151 court-ordered release applications per month. The average number of individuals on work release this quarter was 31. He said the Chaplain would like to improve outreach to individuals in the Lancaster Correctional Facility (LCF) and is looking at adding an assistant chaplain.

F. Transition Activities

Brad Johnson, Transition Coordinator, said the Nebraska Jail Standards Board approved a proposal to obscure some of the cell and dorm windows and said the glazing schedule was adjusted accordingly. He said a key plan for doors throughout the facility was completed and he and Bob Jarrett, Corrections Maintenance/Construction Manager, have been reviewing architectural door lock functions. The Booking Committee continues to meet and work through the processes that will be used in that area.

4 NEW BUSINESS

Thurber reported that the first set of cells have been put in place in the new jail.

In response to a question from Heier, Thurber said construction is 124 days behind schedule, due to weather.

5 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Workman moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 a.m. Hudkins, Workman, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk