

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
QUARTERLY MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011
9:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Bernie Heier, Chair
Jane Raybould, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Deb Schorr

Board Members Absent: Brent Smoyer

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

NOTE: The Board of Commissioners voted at the January 20, 2011 Staff Meeting to appoint Commissioner Heier as Chair and Commissioner Raybould as Vice Chair of the Board of Corrections.

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the November 18, 2010 Board of Corrections Meeting minutes. Hudkins, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Raybould abstained from voting. Smoyer was absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0, with one abstention.

2 POPULATION STATISTICS

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, said the department had an 1% increase in monthly booking totals this quarter and a 4% increase in the number of inmates lodged after booking. He said historically there is a decrease in bookings/incarcerations during the 4th quarter. Thurber said they are limiting the number of out-of-county placements, averaging 56 per day, to help hold down costs.

B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

C. Fiscal Year 2011 Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

D. Fiscal Year 2010 Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

E. Calendar Year 2010 Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

NOTE: The following document was also disseminated (Exhibit A): Lancaster County Corrections Department, Average Population by Year.

3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Training

Thurber said the Training Division handled 438 applications for correctional officer positions this quarter, noting the department has continuous recruitment. In-service training was provided to all uniformed staff members covering workplace violence, DNA database collection, logging of programs and activities, and the fundamentals of running a direct supervision unit. A training class was also provided to new staff on distributing medications.

B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program

Thurber said 8 were accepted into the Mental Health Jail Diversion Program this quarter. Three were terminated and 3 cases were successfully closed. The program also accepted one transfer from the Buffalo County.

C. Out-of-County Housing

Thurber said they continue to house inmates in Butler, Platte, Saline and Saunders Counties, due to overcrowding in the jail facility. The Transport Division transported 2,749 inmates to court, medical, and other outside appointments this quarter.

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

Thurber said jail work crew activities this quarter included moving items for the Election Commissioner's office, moving sales equipment to the surplus sale auction site, and routine facility maintenance.

E. Programs Division

Thurber said Correctional Specialists coordinated an average of 31 evaluations per month with the consulting psychiatrist this quarter. An average of five inmates per month were placed into Emergency Protective Custody and transferred to the Crisis Center or Lincoln Regional Center with a jail hold. He said Correctional Specialists averaged 496 contacts with inmates, addressing personal problems and mental health and confinement issues. In addition, Correctional Specialists and the Chaplain coordinated 135 educational, self-help and religious programs per month.

F. Transition Activities

Brad Johnson, Transition Coordinator, gave an update on transition activities. He said staff are reviewing current policies to see which will need to be updated for the new facility. Post orders will also be updated. Johnson said work continues on the new inmate management system, fiber optic project, keying plan and the staffing analysis. He said they are also looking at signage needs and are working with the Sheriff's Office on a plan for the transport of inmates between the courts and new facility.

Raybould asked where they stand in terms of the budget.

Thurber said they are on target for the project, although staffing and furniture, fixtures and equipment for the facility still need to be addressed.

In response to a question from Hudkins, Johnson said they are still working on the issue of video arraignments and plan to meet with contractors to discuss where the equipment will be located.

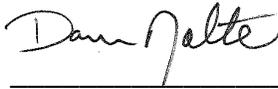
Thurber also gave a brief overview of the Lancaster County Corrections Community Service Program (Exhibit B).

4 NEW BUSINESS

Thurber said Randy Bartelt, Chaplain, has resigned to take another position and said the Good News Jail and Prison Ministries is in the process of recruiting a replacement.

5 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. Hudkins, Raybould, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Smoyer was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

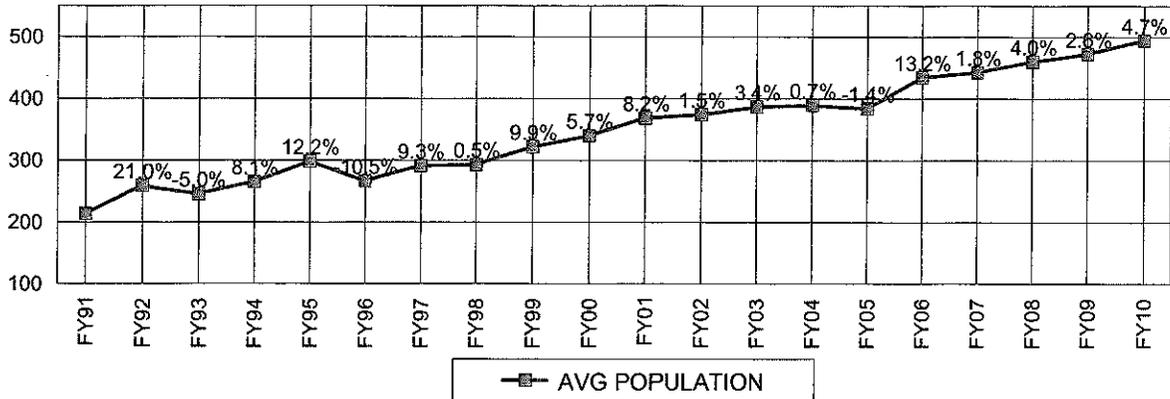


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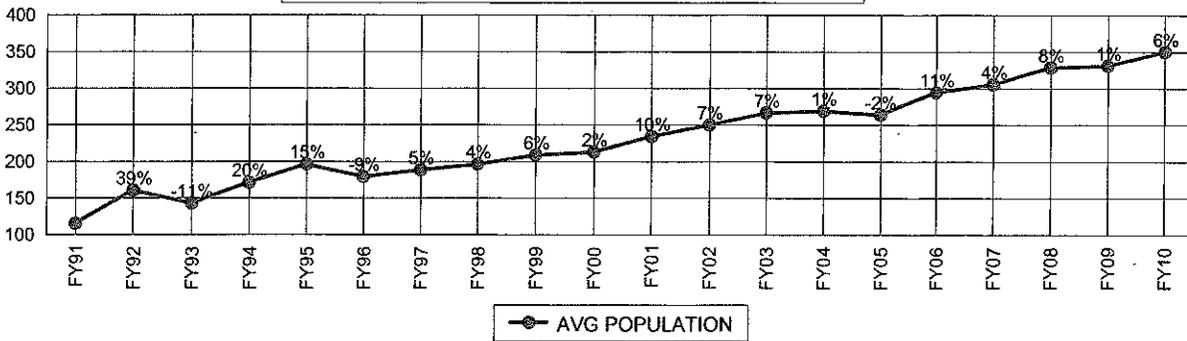


LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT
AVERAGE POPULATION BY YEAR

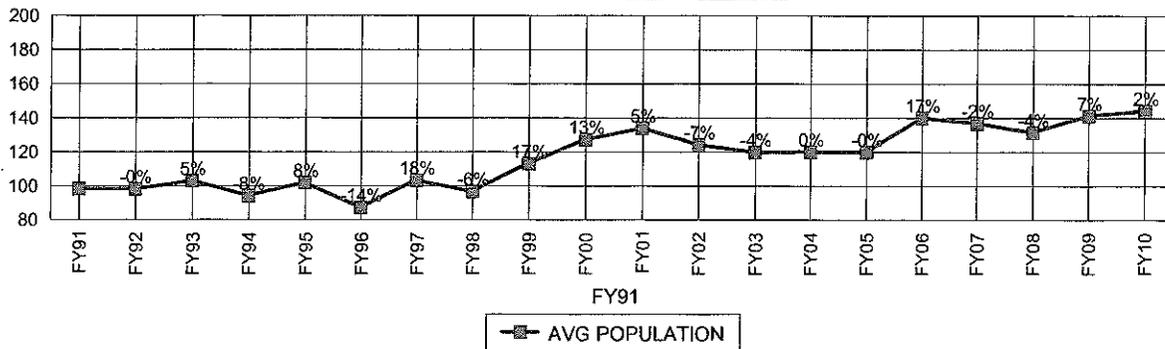
BOTH FACILITIES
AVERAGE ANNUAL POPULATION



INTAKE & DETENTION FACILITY
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LCF FACILITY
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**LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONS
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM
COUNTY ROAD LITTER PICK-UP
Areas Covered 2010**

6-16-10

**SW Sprague Rd, W 42nd to W 72nd
SW Stagecoach Rd S 25th to S 82nd**

6-29-10

N 112th & Waver Rd to N 72nd & Waverly Rd

6-30-10

W A St from SW 47th to SW 119th

7-7-10

**E Van dorn from S 112th to S 120th
Pioneers from S 112th to S 120th**

8-31-10

**Havelock from N 84th to N 112th
Bluff Road from N 84th to N 98th and from N 148th to 190th**

9-7-10

Hickman Rd from S 96th fto 176th , E Hickman Rd to E Roca Rd

9-8-10

E 98th & Pioneers to S 162 & Pioneers, East Pioneers to East Van Dorn

10-6-10

E Van Dorn from 98th to 112th , E Old Cheney 96th to 162th

10-12-10

SW 58th & W O st to SW 86th, NW 48th & Holdrege to West A st

10-13-10

**SW 56th from Denton Rd to Old Cheney & SW 58th
NW 48th from Holdrege to W A st
NW 140th and W A st to NW 98th**

10-19-10

98th from Hickman Rd to Firth Rd

10-20-10

134th from Pella to Roca Rd