

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
QUARTERLY MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011
9:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Deb Schorr
Larry Hudkins
Brent Smoyer

Board Members Absent: Bernie Heier, Chair
Jane Raybould, Vice Chair

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Smoyer seconded to appoint Commissioner Schorr as temporary Chair. Smoyer, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Heier and Raybould were absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commissioner Schorr opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2011

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the July 14, 2011 Board of Corrections Meeting minutes. Heier and Raybould were absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0.

2 POPULATION STATISTICS

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, said the department had a 4% growth in overall population this quarter, compared to the same period in 2010. He said the downtown facility grew by 6.3%, noting that is the largest population growth for any period since 1991. The average daily population was 546.

Thurber said 46 inmates were released this quarter to either the Mental Health Jail Diversion Program, Community Corrections or the Sentence Conversion Program.

B. Population Graphs - Appendix 1

See agenda packet.

C. Fiscal Year 2011 Monthly Statistical Report - Appendix 2

See agenda packet.

D. Fiscal Year 2011 Monthly Statistical Report - Appendix 3

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3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Training

Thurber said the department is continually recruiting for correctional officer positions. Six full-time officers completed the Field Training Officer Program this quarter. Eight officers attended the Officers' Training Academy which is an 80-hour training course. The department switched to the new Inmate Management System, developed by Information Services (IS), on September 13th.

B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program

Thurber said 13 individuals were accepted into the Mental Health Jail Diversion Program this quarter.

C. Out-of-County Housing

Thurber said inmates are being housed in Butler, Dawson, Platte, Saline and Saunders Counties, due to overcrowding.

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

Thurber said work crews assisted City departments with moves to the Experian Building, moved surplus furniture and performed general maintenance and building repairs. They also assisted with trash removal at the Lancaster County Fair and picked up litter along county roads.

E. Programs Division

Thurber said mental health practitioners had an average of 571 contacts with inmates each month this quarter. An average of three inmates per month were placed into Emergency Protective Custody (EMC) and transferred with a jail hold to the Crisis Center.

Hudkins asked how Correct Care Solutions is performing. **NOTE:** Correct Care Solutions (CCS) entered into a contract in May, 2011 to provide inmate health care services to the County. Thurber said CCS is doing a 14 day assessment of all inmates and has significantly reduced the County's pharmaceutical costs. He said the mental health piece is also working well. Thurber said they review the budget with CCS monthly and will reconcile on a quarterly basis.

Thurber also reported that the average number of individuals on work release this quarter is 41.

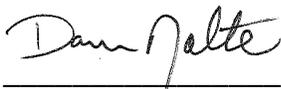
F. Transition Activities

Brad Johnson, Transition Coordinator, said staff continues to work on policies and procedures, working through different scenarios. He said they are also working on an agreement for design of the two-way radio system and development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for staff and detention furnishings. Johnson said video visitation policies and designs are nearing completion and details of the video arraignment system are being worked out with two courtrooms identified. Hudkins said Troy Hawk, Court Administrator, Lancaster County District Court, has indicated the judges have not had much input in that decision. He said Hawk told the Public Building Commission (PBC) that the judges want the system in all of the courtrooms. Thurber said he will visit with Hawk but funds are limited.

Brief discussion took place regarding plans for facility tours.

4 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. Hudkins, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Heier and Raybould were absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

