

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
QUARTERLY MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Deb Schorr, Chair
Todd Wiltgen, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Roma Amundson
Bill Avery

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director
Brad Johnson, Transition Coordinator
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 POPULATION STATISTICS (JULY, 2014 - DECEMBER, 2014)

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, discussed population statistics, referencing the following graphs (see agenda packet):

- Average Daily Population Comparison
- Average Daily Population vs. Capacity
- Booking and Lodging Totals
- Pre-Trial/Sentence Conversion Release

Thurber said the average daily population for this period in 2014 was 573, compared to 575 for the same period in 2013. He noted population numbers typically "dip" during the winter months.

Thurber said 5,017 inmates were booked in during the six month period in 2014 and 3,612 were lodged. He said the bonding schedule the courts set up is key, noting approximately 30% of the population is able to bond out of jail.

2 PROGRAMMING (OCTOBER, 2014 - DECEMBER, 2014)

Thurber said 482 religious meetings, 104 12-Step Program meetings, and 138 educational classes were held during the period of October to December, 2014.

3 TRANSPORTATION (OCTOBER, 2014 - DECEMBER, 2014)

Thurber reported on the number of court appearances (video and physical) and off-site transports (medical appointments, mental health referrals and transport to other correctional facilities) during this period.

4 WORK CREWS (OCTOBER, 2014 - DECEMBER, 2014)

Thurber said work crew activities this period included assisting the Election Commissioner during the November election, helping at the Lancaster Event Center during the Power Farming Show, and assisting County Engineering staff with snow fencing and brush removal. He also reported on a grant program through Goodwill Industries in which four inmates per day (Monday-Friday) sorted donations in Goodwill's warehouse. The inmates were paid minimum wage by Goodwill and received programming, such as job skills. Thurber said that grant has expired and they will explore other possible funding sources.

Avery asked Thurber if he has authority to expand road pickup work crews. Thurber explained they have to have supervision to do so.

Wiltgen asked what percentage of inmates are classified pre-trial. Thurber estimated it is in the 50% range. Wiltgen said Joe Kelly, County Attorney, told him the backlog at the State Crime Lab may be having an impact on those numbers.

5 TRAINING (OCTOBER, 2014 - DECEMBER, 2014)

Thurber said 13 Correctional Officers had orientation during this period and they held one training academy (80-hour program) for 15 Correctional Officers.

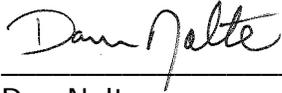
6 605 BUILDING

Thurber gave an update on construction of the sally port in the 605 Building (former jail facility).

Hudkins questioned the rate for inmates who want to sit out a sentence. Thurber said it is \$90 per day. He said inmates are not allowed to sit out a fine if it is for a traffic offense or if they are on work release.

7 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Amundson moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 a.m. Avery, Hudkins, Amundson, Wiltgen and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

