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LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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Agenda

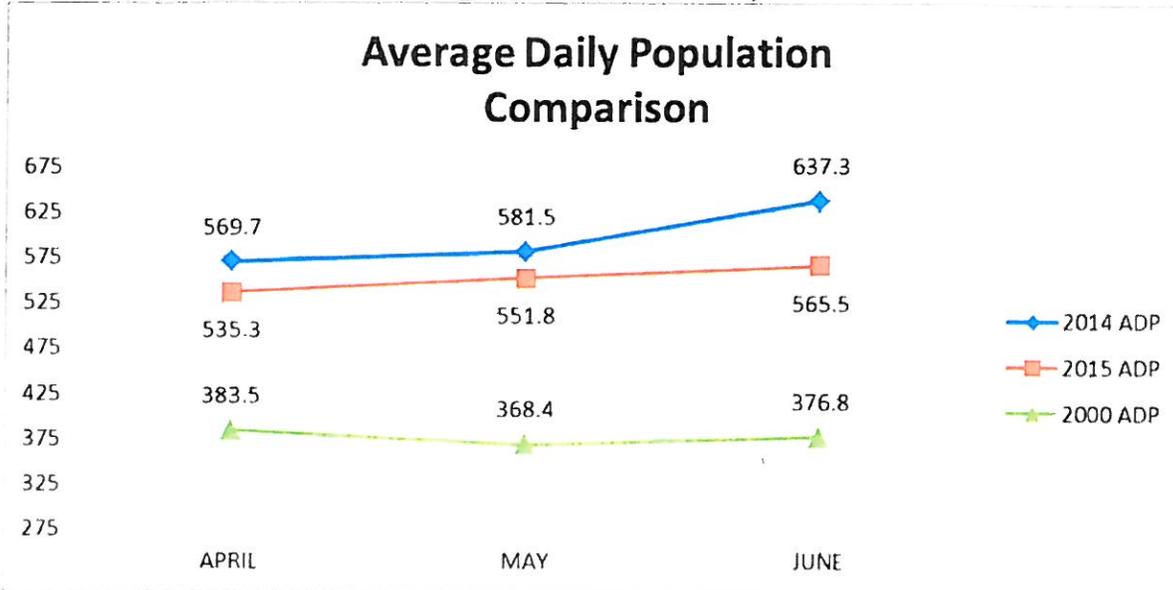
Thursday, July 16, 2015

8:30 a.m.

- I. Approval of the April 23, 2015 meetings/minutes
- II. Population Statistics
 - a. Average Daily Population
 - b. Booking and Lodging Totals
 - c. Pre-Trial and Sentence Conversion Totals
- III. Programming
- IV. Transportation
- V. Work Crews
- VI. Training
- VII. 605 Building
- VIII. Minutes
 - a. April 23, 2015 meeting

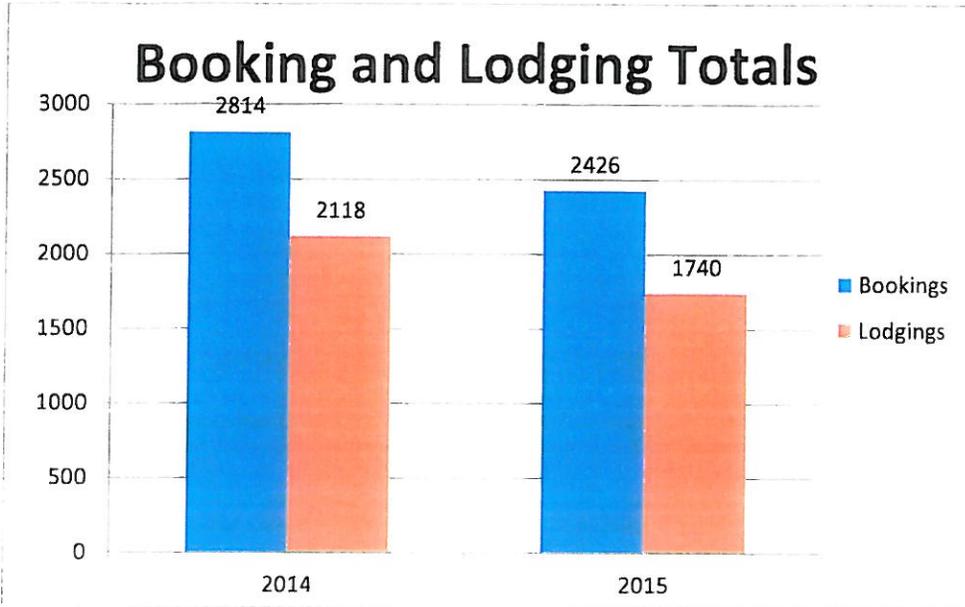
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Population Statistics (April- June, 2015)

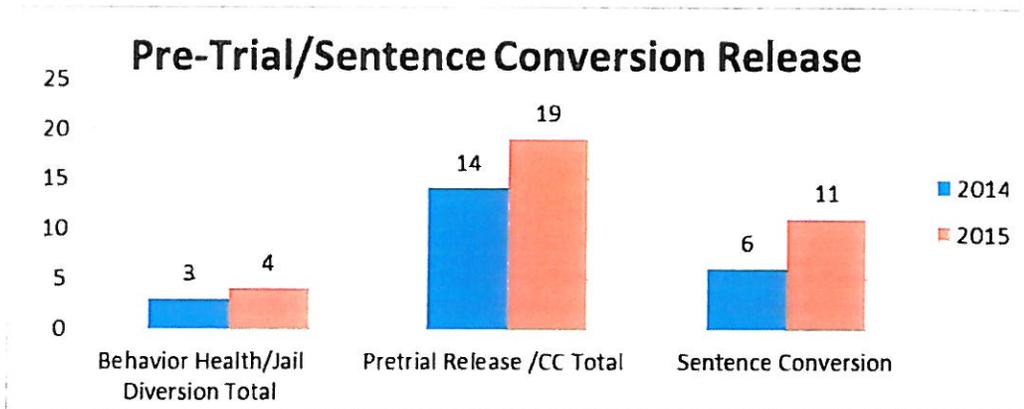


- The average daily population (ADP) for this period of 2015 was 550.9 detainees compared to 596.2 for the same period in 2014.
- This is a 46.4% increase when compared to 2000.
- This period ADP consumed 82.8% of the department's operational capacity.
- Other population averages during this past quarter:
 - Felony Arrests-207.3
 - Misdemeanor Arrests-471.0
 - Felons Sentenced-20.7
 - Misdemeanors Sentenced-57.0
 - Held for other Jurisdictions-52.7
 - Percent Conditionally Released-27.6%

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- Average bookings were down 13.8% compared to same time period last year.
- Average lodgings were down 17.8% compared to same time period last year.



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Programming (April- June 2015)

- Religious (220 Meetings)
 - Bible Study
 - Church Service
 - Discipleship Mentoring
 - Religious Counseling 1:1
- Substance Abuse Education & 12 Step Programs (41 Meetings)
 - The Bridge Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Education for Men
 - St. Monica's Substance Abuse Education for Women
 - AA
 - NA
- Educational (71 classes)
 - GED
 - Released & Restored/Job & Life Skills
 - Christian Heritage Parenting Classes
 - Christian Heritage Within My Reach Classes (Domestic Relationships Education)
 - Lincoln Literacy
 - Food Prep Skills
 - Tax Preparation Assistance-Community Action VITA volunteers, March 6 & 31

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- Transition Planning (4 classes reaching 19 inmates per month)
 - V.A. Outreach
 - Center Pointe Dual Diagnosis Homeless Outreach
- Other
 - Turning Pages Book Club for Women -4 classes
 - TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education)-4 classes
 - GED Practice/Subject Tests-Total of 58 tests. Two earned their GED.

Transportation (April-June 2015)

- Court Appearances
 - County Court
 - 1815 Video Appearances
 - 567 Physical Appearances
 - District Court
 - 82 Video Appearances
 - 560 Physical Appearances
- Off-Site Transports
 - State Department of Corrections
 - 55 to Diagnostic and Evaluation
 - 8 to Nebraska Center for Women (York)

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- Medical
 - 26 to Hospital
 - 68 to Clinical Appointments
- Mental Health
 - 33 to Lincoln Regional Center
 - 8 to Crisis Center

Work Crews (April-June 2015)

- Lancaster County Event Center
 - One officer supervised crews of 4-6 inmates for 6 days setting up for future events and general cleaning. (April)
 - An officer supervised 4-6 inmates for 3 days cleaning and setting up stalls. (May)
 - For 14 days, 4 to 6 inmates cleaned & set up stalls, painted, and completed minor landscaping tasks. (June)
- County Engineer Crew
 - A crew of 1-3 inmates assisted for 6 days with various projects. (April)
 - A crew of 1-3 inmates assisted with various projects for 12 days. (May)
 - A crew of 1-3 inmates worked 5 days. (June)
- Election Commissioner
 - Four inmates assisted in the the delivery of ballot boxes, signs etc during April and May.
- Litter Crew
 - Crew pick up began and continued when weather allowed.

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Training (April-June 2015)

- Orientation
 - 6 Correctional Officers (80 hours)
 - 4 Kitchen staff (24 hours)
 - 1 Information Technology staff (19 hours)
 - 6 Medical staff (32 hours)
 - 1 Keefe Commissary Support (32 hours)
- Training Academy
 - 13 Correctional Officers (80 hours)
- In-Service Training
 - 209 Staff attended Suicide Awareness/Searches classes (8 hours)
- Other Training
 - 3 staff were certified to be ERD instructors (16 hours)
 - 17 staff attended First Aid/AED/CPR classes (8 hours)
 - 3 Correctional Officers completed FTO Program (32 hours)
 - 2 Correctional Officers completed OJT Program (80 hours)
 - 5 staff attended PPCT re-certification in Grand Island (40 hours)
 - 5 staff completed an FTO overview/expectation class (1 hour)
 - 8 staff attended Continuum training (2 hours)
 - 12 staff attending Continuum training (4 hours)

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- 6 staff attended tractor/ATV training (8 hours)
- 1 staff attended records training (4 hours)
- 1 staff attended the State Patrol fingerprint class (6 hours)
- 1 officer attend "Desk Safety" class (8 hours)
- 2 staff attended a NIC Jail Administrator class (40 hours)
- 1 staff attended a 5 hour block of classes offered by NIC.

605 Building

- Electrical contractor is ready to start pulling fiber for security electronic systems.
- Accurate Controls has started installing the equipment.
- Elevator Installation is complete.
- Masonry work is being completed on 2nd & 3rd floors.

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
QUARTERLY MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015
9:45 A.M.**

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

Board Members Absent: Deb Schorr, Chair

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

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

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Amundson moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the agenda. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

2 APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Amundson seconded approval of the October 17, 2013 meeting minutes. Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen and Avery abstained from voting. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion failed 2-0 with two abstentions due to a lack of majority.

3 APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Amundson seconded approval of the February 19, 2015 meeting minutes. Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0

4 POPULATION STATISTICS (January 2015 - March 2015)

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, discussed population statistics, referencing the following graphs (Exhibit A):

- Average Daily Population Comparison
- Booking and Lodging Totals
- Pre-Trial and Sentence Conversion Tools

Thurber said the average daily population (ADP) for this period in 2015 was 514.6, compared to 573 for the same period in 2014.

Thurber stated that they are using 77% of the department's operational capacity. There was increased usage previously resulting from persons from other counties being incarcerated here due to overcrowding in their counties. He said population is now between 520 to 540 which is where they expect it to be running.

Thurber said compared to last year at this time, bookings are down 12.2% and lodging was down 11.8%.

5 PROGRAMMING (JANUARY - MARCH 2015)

Thurber said 184 religious meetings, 40 12-Step Program meetings, and 51 educational classes were held during the period of January to March, 2015.

6 TRANSPORTATION (JANUARY - MARCH 2015)

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.

7 WORK CREWS (JANUARY - MARCH 2015)

Thurber said work crew activities during this period included six inmates and one officer working five days setting up for events and general cleaning at the Lancaster Event Center. Three inmates assisted County Engineering staff for nineteen days on various projects. Internal assistance was also used for snow removal and mowing.

8 TRAINING (JANUARY - MARCH 2015)

Thurber said orientation was conducted for five new Correctional Officers and one training academy was held for fifteen Correctional Officers.

9 605 BUILDING

Thurber gave an update on the construction of the sallyport in the 605 Building (former jail facility). He noted that HVAC and water piping were rerouted due to the location of the elevators. To date, the elevator shaft was completed through the second floor and the security system was needing only a few minor changes. He estimated work on the sallyport and the holding area to be completed by July 15, 2015.

10 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Amundson moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Avery, Hudkins, Amundson, and Wiltgen voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.


Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015
8:30 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director
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 8:35 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2015 MEETING

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the minutes of the April 23, 2015 meeting. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2 POPULATION STATISTICS (APRIL-JUNE, 2015)

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

- Average Daily Population
- Booking and Lodging Totals
- Pre-Trial and Sentence Conversion Totals

Thurber said the average daily population for this quarter in 2015 was 550, compared to 596 for the same period in 2014. He said that is a 46% increase when compared to 2000. Thurber noted 27% of the population this quarter was conditionally released and said the goal is to get to 33%.

Thurber said average bookings were down 13% and average lodgings were down 17% this quarter, compared to the same period in 2014. He said 2,400 individuals were booked in this quarter and 1,740 were lodged.

3 PROGRAMMING (APRIL-JUNE, 2015)

Thurber said the Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility (LCADF) averaged 220 religious meetings, 41 substance abuse educational classes and 12-Step Program meetings, and 71 educational classes a month during this quarter. He said 19 individuals earned a food handler permit through participation in the Food Preparation Program and said they would like to add a second class.

4 TRANSPORTATION (APRIL-JUNE, 2014)

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

5 WORK CREWS (APRIL-JUNE, 2015)

Thurber said work crew activities this period included assisting the Election Commissioner during the Primary and General Elections, helping at the Lancaster Event Center with general cleaning and maintenance, and assisting County Engineering staff with various projects.

6 TRAINING (APRIL-JUNE, 2015)

Thurber said 13 Correctional Officers attended the training academy (80-hour program). He also reported on orientation and in-service training this quarter.

7 605 BUILDING

Thurber said they have been working with the Public Building Commission (PBC) and Accurate Controls on setting up cameras and electronic controls.

OTHER BUSINESS

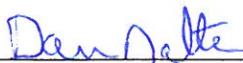
Wiltgen asked Thurber to discuss the facility's relationship with federal law enforcement officials involving the immigration status of offenders. Thurber said the practice has been to detain offenders who cleared their local charges but had a hold from a Department of Homeland Security Immigration Detainer Form I-247. He said they have been advised the I-247 is not a federal warrant and there could be liability if the hold is

maintained. A new program, the Priority Enforcement Program (PEP), may change that format and allow them to detain with a notification.

Wiltgen asked Joe Kelly, County Attorney, who was in attendance to address the issue of Lancaster County being labeled a "sanctuary county" on the Immigration Policy Center's (IPC's) website. Kelly said that label implies the County does not work with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or honor ICE holds. He said that is not the case. Kelly said it stems from some courts on the federal level saying a one-page detainer that is not signed by a judge is not the equivalent of a warrant. That has resulted in certain restrictions on how long a hold can last or whether or not there can be a hold. He said they continue to seek clarification on the matter and plan to meet with ICE representatives later today.

8 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.



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