

**MERCER COUNTY PRISON BOARD**

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**COUNTY OF MERCER**

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Prison Board President Pete Acker called to order the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Mercer County Prison Board meeting with roll call:

**Members Present:**

President Pete Acker, District Attorney  
Vice President Bruce Rosa, Sheriff  
Secretary Judge Wallace, President Judge  
Stephen Sherman  
Matthew McConnell  
Timothy McGonigle

**Members Absent:**

Scott Boyd

**Others Present:**

Mac McDuffie, Warden  
James Scott, Deputy Warden  
Joe Reichard, Deputy Warden  
William McClure, IPP Director  
Amy Landfair, Parole Officer Supervisor  
Sharin Robb, Administrative Assistant  
Melissa Klaric, Sharon Herald  
Holly Patterson, Record Argus

**Approval of Minutes:**

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Timothy McGonigle makes the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Matthew McConnell. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Wardens Report:**

Warden Mac McDuffie begins by stating the average daily population for the month of June was 190. Currently the facility is Covid free and back to complete normal operations. The inmates do not have a quarantine period prior to going to a block and also all in person visitation has been reinstated.

Warden McDuffie continues by stating that he has received the budget for the jail from May and it seems to

be doing well. Even with the increase in food prices, the budget line is still two percent under where it could be. All the other budget lines are compliant and doing fine as well.

The number one priority for the month of June was to get more corrections officers hired. As of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, there were eight full time positions open. Seven of those positions were recently filled along with three part time positions. Due to the staff shortage as well as officers out on military leave and FMLA, the overtime hours were high for the month of June. The jail will continue to test and interview candidates until all positions are completely filled.

During the quarterly meeting held with PrimeCare, it was noted that there were 1,003 contacts with mental health inmates. These contacts are being conducted by two mental health counselors each day and often times they will also get seen by the psychiatrist. District Attorney Pete Acker states that he has composed minutes from his meeting with PrimeCare regarding the discussion for the American Disabilities Act and Opioid Use Disorder. He states the jail is fully committed to being in full compliance and has requested PrimeCare to prepare an outline of what services they can provide along with the costs. That outline will be presented at a future prison board meeting.

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the Wardens Report. Commissioner McConnell makes the motion and it was seconded by Controller Stephen Sherman. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

#### **IPP Report:**

IPP Director William McClure begins by stating that referrals were down for the month of June with only 47. There were 595 total clients with 87 successful completions, six failures/revocations and 12 revocation hearings. Savings to the county based on jail bed days saved was \$2,257 for a total savings of \$186,541. There were 884 community service hours completed resulting in a \$6,409 savings to the work sites. Three transfers were done out of county, 117 review hearings completed and eight DUI school completions.

Director McClure continues by stating that the treatment court program had only one participant apply. There are currently 37 total in the program with 31 in phases and six in after care. The number of urinalysis' completed was 196 with only two positives.

The restrictive conditions of the probation grant expired June 30<sup>th</sup> but was renewed and can be spent up until June 2023. This grant will pay for house arrest equipment, gloves, hand wipes as well as one of the treatment court coordinators' salary.

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the IPP Report. Sherriff Bruce Rosa makes the motion and it was seconded by Controller Sherman. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

Secretary Judge Wallace discusses his 12 hour rule regarding inmates who come in for being under the influence. This would be the individuals who are picked up by police and cannot be released under their own recognizance due to intoxication. The inmate would be incarcerated for a minimum of 12 hours and then can be released contingent on if they have a ride. If the individual cannot set up transportation, then they will either have to stay until they do find a ride or until 48 hours is up. By having this as a local rule, it will minimize liability for the jail when it comes to releasing an individual who may still be intoxicated. Deputy Warden Reichard makes comment that an option for transportation is the public shuttle that arrives to the jail at 1230pm and 330pm. Any inmate wanting to utilize the shuttle is given free tokens prior to release at no cost to them. Prison Board President Pete Acker states that he thinks the 12 hour rule is highly necessary and appropriate especially since the road exiting the jail is dangerous.

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to proceed forward with advertising President Judge Wallace's 12 hour rule. Commissioner McConnell makes the motion and it was seconded by Controller Stephen Sherman. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Warden McDuffie recalls a previous prison board meeting when it was approved to replace the original staff radios from when the jail first opened. These radios (Kenwood) were ordered July 2021 and have just recently arrived, one year later. Warden McDuffie states that an additional order must be made to replace the remaining original radios. The order will be exactly identical to the order placed in 2021 however, the price has increased from \$10,888 to \$11,943. If ordered this month, the shipment would arrive at the end of the year, at the earliest.

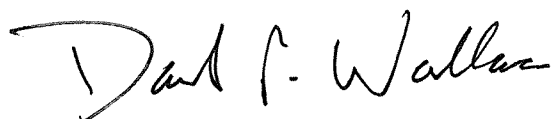
Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to recommend to the commissioners the purchase of 12 Kenwood officer radios in the amount of \$11,943. Sheriff Bruce Rosa makes the motion and it was seconded by Controller Stephen Sherman. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**New Business:**

None at this time.

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Matthew McConnell makes the motion and it was seconded by Controller Stephen Sherman. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan F. Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judge Daniel Wallace  
Mercer County Prison  
Prison Board Secretary