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COUNTY OF MERCER

Prison Board President Pete Acker called to order the November 21st, 2023 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, Controller

Members Absent:

Matthew McConnell, Commissioner
Timothy McGonigle, Commissioner
Scott Boyd, Commissioner

Others Present:

Mac McDuffie, Warden
Joe Reichard, Deputy Warden
James Scott, Deputy Warden
William McClure, IPP Director
Amy Landfair, Parole Supervisor
Nikki Biles, Fiscal Manager
Lieutenant Baker, Booking Lieutenant
Sharin Robb, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Minutes:

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the October 17th, 2023 meeting minutes. Secretary Judge Wallace makes the motion and it was seconded by Controller Stephen Sherman. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Wardens Report:

Warden McDuffie begins by stating that the current population is 221 with there being 178 total commitments and 187 releases in the month of October. The average daily population was 231 and the average length of stay was 17 days.

Warden McDuffie thanks the prison board for the approval of body cameras. He states that after his meeting with Motorola, he feels that it's the best company to go with and is excited to get everything installed.

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the Wardens Report. Vice President Bruce Rosa makes the motion and it was seconded by Secretary Judge Wallace. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

IPP Report:

IPP Director William McClure begins by stating that for the month of October there were 117 total referrals with 76 successful completions, 18 failures/revocations and 10 revocations hearings with a total of 645 clients. Savings to the county based on 3,176 Pre-Trial TASC and house arrest days totaled \$262,496. There were 937 community service hours completed which resulted in a savings to the work sites of \$6,793. In treatment court there were nine positive urinalysis' completed with zero positives in mental health court or veterans court.

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

New Business

Secretary Judge Wallace states that he would like to discuss the topic of credit time. He states that while he was getting ready for court, he discovered many errors regarding credit time. Secretary Judge Wallace states that IPP Tiffany Spangler is willing to assist in training the Records Department with how to properly calculate credit time. He states that this is a crucial report that all judges rely on and it needs to be correct. Warden McDuffie states that he had a talk with the individual who processes credit time and made it aware how important it is. He states that he feels as though this is an isolated incident and if it does happen again, to make him aware.

Secretary Judge Wallace inquires about the number of groups available for inmates, specifically for mental health, as listed on the PrimeCare report. Deputy Warden Reichard states that there are groups that are not controlled by PrimeCare so it will not be included in the report. Warden McDuffie states that a meeting is held weekly regarding severe mental health inmates and invites the President Judge to join if he would like.

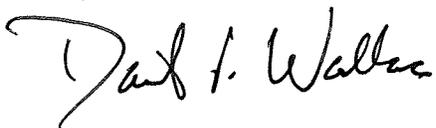
Old Business:

Warden McDuffie begins by stating that the female population is not getting any better. He states that there are currently 50 females in the housing unit with only 48 beds. Warden McDuffie asks the board for authorization to increase the number of females transported to Lawrence County without having to ask for permission first. He states that it delays the process and would like to make the decision under his own discretion. President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve Warden McDuffie's request. Controller Stephen Sherman makes the motion under the pretense that District Attorney Pete Acker is made aware of each transfer and it was seconded by Vice President Bruce Rosa. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Vendor Requests:

None.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judge Daniel Wallace
Mercer County Prison
Prison Board Secretary