

**MERCER COUNTY PRISON BOARD**

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**COUNTY OF MERCER**

Prison Board President Pete Acker called to order the May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Mercer County Prison Board meeting with roll call:

**Members Present:**

President Pete Acker, District Attorney  
Vice President Bruce Rosa, Sheriff  
Stephen Sherman  
Matthew McConnell  
Scott Boyd

**Members Absent:**

Secretary Judge Wallace, President Judge  
Timothy McGonigle

**Others Present:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Scott Boyd asks if the wording is correct under the Wardens Report for a juvenile being sent to state. He asks that due to the legal sensitivity, should it rather say the juvenile was sent to a juvenile detention center. Prison Board President Pete Acker states that as long as the juvenile is not named then it shouldn't be an issue. Commissioner Scott Boyd makes the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Matthew McConnell. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Wardens Report:**

Warden Erna Craig begins by stating that the jails population is currently at 182 with there being 166 commitments and 145 releases for the month of April. There are currently 18 state inmates waiting to be

transferred to the state who will not be deported out until late June. Currently, there are zero inmates awaiting transfer to any mental hospitals. Warden Craig continues by stating that there were 218 video hearings for the Magistrates and Common Pleas courts.

Warden Craig states that the work release program has been officially reinstated. There are currently 10 inmates in the program working at Talbots, Big Lots and the Grove City Country Club. Three of the work release inmates will also be volunteering in the summer to assist the Mercer Garden Club in planting and maintaining the gardens around the Courthouse. This will help the inmates as well by getting additional payments towards their total costs and fines.

Warden Craig continues by stating that there has been an increase in overtime. This is mostly due to 373 hours of Taser, EBID and Firearms training. There are currently five full time positions and ten part time positions open.

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

### **IPP Report:**

IPP Director William McClure begins by stating there were 84 referrals for the month of April. The total number of clients was 674 which included 82 successful completions, 11 failure/revocations and 13 revocation hearings. Between House Arrest and Pre-Trial TASC there were 2,609 jail bed days saved which had a savings to the county of \$215,634. There were 976 community service hours completed which had a savings to the work sites of \$7,080. The Treatment Court Program had three participants who applied with two being admitted and one being discharged for a current total of 38 participants.

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the IPP Report. Commissioner Scott Boyd makes the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Matthew McConnell. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Deputy Warden Mac McDuffie makes a recommendation for Lieutenant James Scott to become the new Deputy Warden of Security. Lieutenant Scott started as a correctional officer at the Mercer County Jail in 2005 and was promoted to a lieutenant in 2011. Since August of 2016, he has been the Director of the Training Academy as well as provided training for all new correctional staff. Lieutenant Scott is also in charge of coordinating the state inspection and medical inspection which have both received 100 percent in the previous two years. Deputy Warden McDuffie states that it is a privilege to recommend Lieutenant James Scott for the new Deputy Warden starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to recommend to the Commissioners for Lieutenant James Scott to take the place of Deputy Warden of Security. Vice President Bruce Rosa makes a motion and it was seconded by Controller Stephen Sherman. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

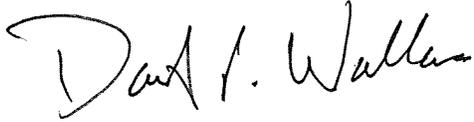
### **Old Business:**

Prison Board President Pete Acker states that Judge Wallace has proposed his amended local rules of criminal procedure for the 12 hour rule. This specifically relates to people committed to the jail charged with public drunkenness or DUI. One of two things now has to happen which is the inmate going in front of a District Judge for a summary trial or they will hit the maximum time period of being incarcerated and will have to be released. The policy is to avoid the problem of releasing somebody who may still be under the influence resulting in the jail being reliable.

Deputy Warden McDuffie thanks Warden Craig for her years of service with the county. He tells Warden Craig that it has been a privilege working alongside her and that he wishes her well with her retirement.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danl. Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Judge Daniel Wallace  
Mercer County Prison  
Prison Board Secretary