MERCER COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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COUNTY OF MERCER

Prison Board President Pete Acker called to order the September 20th, 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 Timothy McGonigle Scott Boyd

Members Absent:

Secretary Judge Wallace, President Judge

Others Present:

Mac McDuffie, Warden James Scott, Deputy Warden Joe Reichard, Deputy Warden William McClure, IPP Director John Logan, Fiscal Administrator Judge Nesbitt Lee Ann Nucerino, Fiscal Administrator Sharin Robb, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Minutes:

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the August 16th, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Matthew McConnell makes the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Timothy McGonigle. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Wardens Report:

Warden McDuffie begins by stating that in the month of August there was 180 commitments and 181 releases with an average daily population of 188. Currently there are 17 inmates awaiting state transfer with five scheduled to leave this month.

Warden McDuffie hands out a PrimeCare business associate agreement pertaining to HIPPA for the board members. The agreement states that any information PrimeCare shares with the jail cannot be shared with anybody else. Commissioner McConnell asks the question of what kind of training do employees receive to

ensure they are compliant to the HIPPA agreement. Deputy Warden Scott states that all officers have HIPPA training every year along with mental health awareness training that goes over confidentiality.

Warden McDuffie continues by stating that earlier this month a meeting took place with juvenile probation and the chiefs of police regarding the detaining of juveniles. Deputy Warden Reichard states that currently the Interest of Justice hearings are completed prior to any juvenile being incarcerated and the jail is ready to handle any new procedures that may arise. Another meeting will be scheduled at a later time where anybody is invited to attend.

Warden McDuffie states that the jail is still trying to hire more corrections officers. Currently he is down two full time and numerous part time positions. Recruiting and testing is being done every other week and will continue until the positions are filled.

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

IPP Report:

IPP Director William McClure begins by stating that for the month of August there were 80 referrals, 79 successful completions, and 5 revocations with a total of 575 clients. Savings to the county based on house arrest and Pre-Trial TASC was \$209,930 with a total of 2,540 jail bed days saved. There were 927 community service hours completed which resulted in a savings to the work sites of \$6,721. Director McClure continues by stating there were 60 jail review hearings and 15 DUI school completions. The treatment court had three new applicants in the month of August with six being admitted and four denied with a total of 33 currently in the program.

Director McClure states that the Cross Systems Alignment Project grant is due to expire in September. He states that he had applied for new funding however, received an email from PCCD stating that due to a high number of applicants, they were not recommended. Director McClure states that he submitted a project modification to reallocate funding in order to extend it for another six months until March 31st.

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

Old Business:

Warden McDuffie would like to tell the Prison Board that the Commissioners did approve the MAT/MOUD program for the facility. He states that Primecare has sent a policy regarding the program and he plans to move forward with it. Commissioner McConnell asks the Prison Board if it were to come to it, would it be possible that the MAT/MOUD program be funded through Canteen. Warden McDuffie states that he does not see a problem for this to happen.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Judge Daniel Wallace Mercer County Prison Prison Board Secretary