MERCER COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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COUNTY OF MERCER

Prison Board President Pete Acker called to order the October 15th, 2024 Mercer County Prison Board meeting with roll call:

Members Present:

Pete Acker, District Attorney Daniel Wallace, President Judge Stephen Sherman, Controller Tim Callahan, Sheriff Bill Finley, Commissioner Ann Coleman, Commissioner

Members Absent:

Timothy McGonigle, Commissioner

Others Present:

Mac McDuffie, Warden
Joe Reichard, Deputy Warden
James Scott, Deputy Warden
William McClure, IPP Director
Melissa Klaric, Sharon Herald
Steven Edwards, Family Services
Sharin Robb, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Minutes:

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the September 17th, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Coleman makes the first motion and it was seconded by Sheriff Callahan. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Wardens Report:

Warden McDuffie begins by stating that for the month of September there were 197 commitments, 179 releases and an average daily population of 195. Deputy Warden Reichard commends the counseling department with their commitment and assistance while the jail is under emergency operations.

President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the Wardens Report. Secretary Judge Wallace makes the first motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

IPP Report:

IPP Director William McClure begins by stating that for the month of September there were 73 referrals, 90 successful completions and 5 failures/revocations for a total of 636 clients. Savings to the county based on 3,309 Pre-Trial TASC and House Arrest jail bed days saved had a total of \$273,489. There were 711.5 community service hours completed which had a savings to the worksites of \$5,158. For Specialty Courts, there were 17 total participants in Treatment Court, 15 in Veteran's Court and 8 in Mental Health Court.

President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the IPP Report. Commissioner Finley makes the first motion and it was seconded by Sheriff Callahan. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

None.

New Business:

Warden McDuffie updates the Prison Board stating that he is still trying to hire correctional officers. Currently there are 16 officer positions with six having potential start dates.

Old Business:

None.

Vendor Requests:

Deputy Warden Scott states that the newest vehicle the jail has for transports is from 2014. Recently, three different vendors were contacted in order to upgrade to more reliable vehicles. One vendor did not make contact back and another had a quote of \$42,000 for two 2023 vehicles. The recommended vendor, McCandless Ford, stated a quote of \$44,000 for two Ford Interceptors that would be specialty made and ready by January. Deputy Warden Scott states that the money would not come from the county but rather the Commissary account as the vehicles are used to only transport inmates.

President Pete Acker asks for a motion to recommend to the Commissioners the purchase of two 2025 Ford Interceptors for a total of \$88,694 to be paid out of the Commissary fund. Secretary Judge Wallace makes the first motion and it was seconded by Sheriff Callahan. Commissioner Coleman and Commissioner Finley abstain. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jall. Willer

Judge Daniel Wallace Mercer County Prison

Prison Board Secretary