

MERCER COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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COUNTY OF MERCER

Prison Board President Pete Acker called to order the February 18th, 2025 Mercer County Prison Board meeting with roll call:

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None.

Others Present:

Mac McDuffie, Warden
James Scott, Deputy Warden
William McClure, IPP Director
Lieutenant Baker, Records Supervisor
Tyler Shoaf, IPP
Sharin Robb, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Minutes:

Secretary Judge Wallace states that in the January minutes, Warden McDuffie made a motion to keep the Prison Board members the same for 2025. Being that the Warden is not a Prison Board member, he cannot make the motion and the minutes should be amended. Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the January minutes with the correction. Commissioner Coleman makes the first motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Finley. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Wardens Report:

Warden Mcduffie begins by stating that for the month of February, there were 180 commitments and 177 releases with an average daily population of 188. He informs the board that Chief Deputy Warden Reichard has submitted his letter of retirement last week with his last day being April 1st. Warden McDuffie asks the board to recommend to the commissioners that Lieutenant Baker moves to the Deputy Warden position and Deputy Warden Scott moves into the Chief Deputy Warden position effective March 1st. Sheriff Callahan

makes the first motion and it was seconded by Secretary Judge Wallace. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

IPP Report:

IPP Director William McClure introduces Tyler Shoaf to the prison board. Tyler has been with IPP for 14 years and will be replacing William McClure upon retirement. William McClure continues by stating that for the month of January, there were 78 referrals, 56 successful completions and 8 failures/revocations with a total of 587 clients. There were 2,760 jail bed days saved from house arrest and Pre-Trial TASC which had a savings to the county of \$341,274. Community Service hours totaled 440 and had a savings to the work sites of \$3,219. Currently there are 19 total participants in Treatment Court, 16 in Veterans Court and 8 in Mental Health Court.

Committee Reports:

None.

New Business:

Warden McDuffie states that he currently has two proposals from PrimeCare. The first one is regarding the medical department conducting the physicals and drug screens for the jail new hires. Brent, from PrimeCare, states that they would conduct the physicals at \$150 per examination and at \$20.50 per drug screen. Commissioner Coleman states that she believes the negotiated price that the county has with MedExpress would be less than the cost PrimeCare is charging. It was decided that jail new hires would continue with MedExpress instead of the possibility through PrimeCare.

Warden McDuffie states that his second proposal is that PrimeCare is recommending the jail creates a MAT Coordinator position for the medical department. This position would do all paperwork and everything that has to do with the MAT/MOUD program. Warden McDuffie states that the medical staff are currently doing this job however, it is becoming too much for them to do on top of their normal duties. He states that many other counties have somebody in this position already. The MAT Coordinator would be staffed 40 hours per week at an annual contract cost of \$110,500 which would be fully covered through the Covid funds. Commissioner McGonigle tells Warden McDuffie to present this topic to commissioners meeting to discuss further.

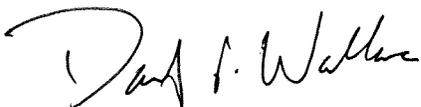
Old Business:

Warden McDuffie tells the board that he recently met with Tom Gibney who is the representative for Viapath which is the jails phone/tablet system. He states that the FCC has put restrictions on collections and fees that all jail facilities can have commissions on. Effective June 30th, the jail will lose 85% of commissions from the phone and tablet system. This will affect the Canteen account which solely goes towards benefiting the inmate population. Warden McDuffie states that he will keep the prison board updated on any further changes.

Vendor Requests:

None.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judge Daniel Wallace
Mercer County Prison
Prison Board Secretary