#### MERCER COUNTY PRISON BOARD

Pete C. Acker, President Bruce Rosa, Vice President Daniel P. Wallace, Secretary Stephen Sherman II Matthew B. McConnell Timothy M. McGonigle Scott E. Boyd



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#### **COUNTY OF MERCER**

Prison Board President Pete Acker called to order the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 Matthew McConnell Timothy McGonigle Scott Boyd

### **Members Absent:**

None.

### **Others Present:**

Mac McDuffie, Warden
James Scott, Deputy Warden
Joe Reichard, Deputy Warden
Amy Landfair, PBPP Supervisor
William McClure, IPP Director
Danette Thomas, Corrections Officer
Sharin Robb, Administrative Assistant
Holly Patterson, Record Argus
Melissa Klarik, Sharon Herald

## **Approval of Minutes:**

President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 prison board minutes. Controller Stephen Sherman 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 the average daily population for the month of December was 218 with 151 commitments and 132 releases. Currently there are 11 inmates awaiting state transfer with another trip being planned for next month. Warden McDuffie finishes by stating that the PCCD grant for the

MAT/MOUD program was submitted on January 12<sup>th</sup> and they are still waiting for a response.

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

### **IPP Report:**

IPP Director William McClure begins by stating that for the month of December, there were 73 referrals, 64 successful completions, nine failures and a total of 592 participants. Savings to the county based on Pre-Trial TASC and house arrest totaled \$266,463 with 3,224 jail bed days saved. Savings to the worksites for the month of December totaled \$2,903 as a result of 411.5 community service hours completed.

Director William McClure continues by stating that the Treatment Court Program had five participants apply with five graduating and 16 in aftercare. There were 186 drug screens administered that resulted in 14 positive readings.

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

# **New Business**

President Pete Acker would like to announce the Correctional Officer of the Year for 2022 is Danette Thomas. Officer Thomas was hired on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and completed her DOC certification on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005. She served four years in the United States Army as well as completing a tour in Operation Desert Storm before being honorably discharged. Warden McDuffie states that this is a well deserved award for Officer Thomas and thanks her for everything she does.

President Pete Acker asks for a motion to adopt the 2022 officer of the year resolution. Commissioner McConnell makes the motion and it was seconded by Controller Sherman.

President Pete Acker asks the board for a nomination of the 2023 prison board president. Commissioner McConnell makes a motion to nominate Pete Acker and it was seconded by Commissioner McGonigle. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

President Pete Acker asks the board for a nomination of the 2023 prison board vice president. Commissioner McConnell makes a motion to nominate Bruce Rosa and it was seconded by Commissioner McGonigle. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

President Pete Acker asks the board for a nomination of the 2023 prison board secretary. Commissioner McConnell makes a motion to nominate President Judge Wallace and it was seconded by Commissioner Boyd. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Secretary Judge Wallace addresses the board regarding the Prison Board meeting schedule conflicting with trial terms. He is asking if it's possible to move the meeting to another date that is agreeable with the board members' schedule. President Pete Acker asks for a motion for the board members to come together and agree on a different Prison Board meeting date. Secretary Judge Wallace makes the motion and it was seconded by Controller Sherman. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Secretary Judge Wallace also asks the board if the prison board meetings could be held at the courthouse with the first month of each quarter being held at the jail. President Pete Acker also addresses the timing of the meetings to be held at 9am and to eliminate the 12pm meeting time. The prison board members all agree

that 9am is better for their schedules. Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to change the timing of all prison board meetings to be at 9am and to have the first meeting of each quarter at the jail while all others will be held at the courthouse. Secretary Judge Wallace makes the motion and it was seconded by Vice President Bruce Rosa. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

# **Old Business:**

Warden McDuffie states that he believes he has come to a good agreement with PrimeCare regarding a new contract. He states that it is a three year contract with two optional years at the end. President Pete Acker asks for a motion to recommend to the commissioners that PrimeCare is renewed under the new contract conditions. Controller Stephen Sherman makes the motion and it was seconded by Vice President Bruce Rosa. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

President Pete Acker asks for a motion to adjourn. Vice President Bruce Rosa makes the motion and it was seconded by Controller Stephen Sherman. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Judge Daniel Wallace Mercer County Prison

Prison Board Secretary