MERCER COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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COUNTY OF MERCER

Prison Board President Pete Acker called to order the March 21st, 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

Members Absent:

Matthew McConnell Timothy McGonigle Scott Boyd

Others Present:

Mac McDuffie, Warden James Scott, Deputy Warden William McClure, IPP Director LeeAnn Nucerino, Fiscal Amy Landfair, PBPP Supervisor Miranda Basham, BHC Sharin Robb, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Minutes:

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the February 21st, 2023 meeting minutes. Secretary Judge Wallace makes the motion and it was seconded by Vice President Bruce Rosa. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Wardens Report:

Warden McDuffie begins by stating that the current population is 226. During the month of February there were 134 commitments, 128 releases and an average daily population of 224. Currently there are eight inmates ready to be transported to state in early April.

Warden McDuffie informs the board that he has made the decision to cease any work release employment at ITV. This is due having a total of four work release inmates attending work at this establishment and not

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returning back to the jail. Warden McDuffie states that he's not sure if it's the place of work or the particular inmate but he is eliminating one of the factors.

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

IPP Report:

Director William McClure begins by stating for the month of February, IPP had 63 referrals, 52 successful completions, 12 failure/revocations and five revocation hearings. Savings to the county totaled \$265,885 based on 3,217 jail bed days saved from house arrest and Pre-Trial TASC. Community service hours totals 459 which had a savings to the work sites of \$3,328.

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the IPP Report. Secretary Judge Wallace makes the motion and it was seconded by Vice President Bruce Rosa. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

New Business

Secretary Judge Wallace introduces Miranda Basham from the Behavioral Health Commission. He states that together they are trying to form a post sentence mental health court that will also work closely with the Community Integration Program (CIP). With the mental health court, there is no significant funding that is needed as all of the staff are volunteering however, it will include staff from IPP. Secretary Judge Wallace continues by stating that if a person is eligible for CIP then they will automatically be eligible for the mental health court. He asks the board for a motion to endorse the creation of a mental health court utilizing IPP's specialty court coordinators.

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to send the proposal of a mental health court to the commissioners. Secretary Judge Wallace makes the motion and it was seconded by President Pete Acker. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Warden McDuffie states to the board that he is in the very early stages of researching body cameras for the officers. He states that most of the use of forces that occur are not planned and happened spontaneously. These incidents normally happen in the Booking area during intake and the body cameras will be able to pick up audio where the facility cameras do not. Having the body camera footage will create liability when it comes to uses of forces and any lawsuits that may occur. Warden McDuffie states that when he gets more quotes and pricing on the body cameras, he will bring it back to the board for approval.

Old Business:

None.

Prison Board President Pete Acker asks for a motion to adjourn. Secretary Judge Wallace makes the motion and it was seconded by Vice President Bruce Rosa. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sanf J. Wallas

Judge Daniel Wallace Mercer County Prison Prison Board Secretary