MERCER COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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COUNTY OF MERCER

Prison Board President Pete Acker called to order the July 18th, 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, Controller Matthew McConnell, Commissioner Timothy McGonigle, Commissioner Scott Boyd, Commissioner

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Mac McDuffie, Warden Joe Reichard, Deputy Warden James Scott, Deputy Warden William McClure, IPP Director LeeAnn Nucerino, Fiscal Director Chris Adams, Work Release Coordinator

Approval of Minutes:

President Pete Acker asks for a motion to approve the June 20th, 2023 Prison Board meeting minutes. Secretary Judge Wallace makes the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Matthew McConnell. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Wardens Report:

Warden McDuffie begins by stating that the current population is 217. There were 184 commitments and 201 releases for the month of June with an average length of stay of 16 days. There were six inmates transferred to the state facility with zero currently awaiting transfer. There are also 20 on the MAT/MOUD program and it continues to rise each month.

Warden McDuffie states that there is now a contract with Rainbow Recovery regarding the distribution of Methadone inside the facility. He states that it will start very shortly and will only be available for inmates

already on Methadone. It will be a continuation and not an introduction. Rainbow Recovery will deliver the Methadone to the jail and if there is any unused due to a released inmate, then they will also pick it up and dispose of it. There will be counseling involved with each inmate as well however, it will be over video and not in person which will work out better for the facility and staff.

Warden McDuffie continues by stating that in the month of June the jail had its DOC inspection. He states that he is happy to report that they're in 100 percent compliance with Title 37 and also did not receive any hits against them. The next inspection will not be done again for another two years.

Prison Board 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:

Director William McClure begins by stating there were 110 total referrals across all programs for the month of June. There are currently 677 total clients with 72 successful completions, 12 failures/revocations and eight revocation hearings conducted. Savings to the county totaled \$262,578 which was based on 3,177 jail bed days saved from Pre-Trial TASC and house arrest. There were 749 successful completions for community service which made a savings to the work sites of \$5,434. Director McClure continues by stating there were 12 jail review screenings completed and 8 DUI school completions.

Secretary Judge Wallace tells the prison board that August 3rd will be the first mental health court. The stipulations for mental health court are that a person must be diagnosed with a serious mental illness, be sentenced to a minimum of three years supervision and also be eligible for the Community Integration Program as they are the ones who coordinate treatment. Secretary Wallace states that the entire idea of creating a mental health court is to get the mentally ill back on medications and stay out of jail.

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

New Business

None.

Old Business:

Warden McDuffie briefs the board that Lawrence County Jail is now accepting juveniles in their facility. They currently have two from Westmoreland County and will most likely accept more from other counties.

Vendor Requests:

None

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dart J. Waller

Judge Daniel Wallace Mercer County Prison Prison Board Secretary