

**MERCER COUNTY PRISON BOARD**

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***COUNTY OF MERCER***

Prison Board Secretary Judge Wallace called to order the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Mercer County Prison Board meeting with roll call:

**Members Present:**

Secretary Judge Wallace, President Judge  
Stephen Sherman, Controller  
Matthew McConnell, Commissioner  
Timothy McGonigle, Commissioner  
Scott Boyd, Commissioner

**Members Absent:**

President Pete Acker, District Attorney  
Vice President Bruce Rosa, Sheriff

**Others Present:**

Mac McDuffie, Warden  
Joe Reichard, Deputy Warden  
James Scott, Deputy Warden  
William McClure, IPP Director  
LeeAnn Sok, Fiscal Director  
Melissa Klaric, Sharon Herald  
Kevin Arbuckle, Lieutenant  
Sharin Robb, Administrative Assistant

**Approval of Minutes:**

Prison Board Secretary Judge Wallace asks for a motion to approve the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Prison Board minutes. Commissioner McConnell makes the first motion and it was seconded by Controller Stephen Sherman. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Wardens Report:**

Warden McDuffie begins by stating that the current jail population is 230. For the month of August, there were 191 commitments and 175 releases with the average length of stay being 17.9 days. A state trip recently departed with six male and two female inmates. Currently there are 35 inmates on the MAT/MOUD program with the average number being approximately 25 each month.

Warden McDuffie continues by stating that the HSA for PrimeCare, Wendy Wentling, has resigned from her position with her last day being September 29<sup>th</sup>. He states that PrimeCare has already hired a replacement, Jennifer Peluso, who is currently a nurse at the facility.

**IPP Report:**

IPP Director William McClure begins by stating that there are 656 total participants with 72 successful completions, 9 failures/revocations and 8 revocation hearings. Total savings to the county was \$307,797 which was based on 3,712 jail bed days saved. There were 682 community service hours completed which made a savings to the county of \$4,944. In treatment court, there are 15 in all four phases, 17 in after care, and three who are frozen. In veterans court, there are 12 in all phases, four in after care and three who are frozen.

**New Business**

Warden McDuffie informs the board that he was being audited by the Controllers Office. He states that the report has not been issued yet but there were no findings and it seemed that everything went well.

**Old Business:**

None.

**Vendor Requests:**

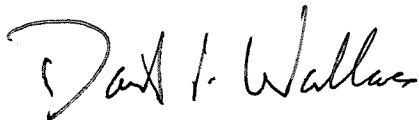
Warden McDuffie states that after completing three quotes for the facility's body cameras, he is recommending the company Axxon to provide the cameras. He states that a vendor recently did a demonstration with the cameras and equipment and it seemed to be the best fit. The amount that the body cameras (12) would cost is \$92,321 which would include a five year contract and all the equipment needed. Warden McDuffie asks the board for an approval to recommend to the commissioners the purchase of Axxon body cameras.

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

Warden McDuffie states that the life expectancy of their ballistic vests is coming to an end. A three quote comparison was completed and it is recommended that the company Witmer provides the new vests. For six new vests, the cost would be a total of \$2,786. Witmer is the same provider that supplies the current vests being used. Warden McDuffie asks the board for an approval to recommend to the commissioners the purchase of six ballistic vests from Witmer.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Judge Daniel Wallace  
Mercer County Prison  
Prison Board Secretary