Prison Board Meeting Minutes February 15, 2022 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Conference Room

Board Present: Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin, Commissioner Jeff Eggleston, Sheriff Brian Zeybel, Dennis Munksgard, Treasurer, and District Attorney Robert Greene

Staff Present: Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk, Warden Jon Collins, Lisa Hagberg, Finance Director, Kim Exley, Employee Relations Administrator, Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt, and Kari Swanson, MH Specialist

Citizens Present: Josh Cotton (WTO)

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin at 2:30 p.m.

Announcements: Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Public Comments/Special Presentations: Kari Swanson gave a presentation on a program that she is currently doing with the male inmates. This is a 10-week class that is primarily right now men that have been sentenced to state.

They are currently in their fifth week, and it is going surprisingly well. They do their homework, read their assignments etc. These classes are geared towards living in a prison system and how to stay positive. It makes them find positive things to focus on and bring to the group.

Kari then states that these men are also finding ways to do positive things for others. For instance, they send cards to those on the third floor of the hospital to give them encouragement (these cards are not signed).

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston asked if this will be a cycled class? Kari stated that each class is not contingent upon taking any prior, so even though we are in week five, someone could come in and start week five, but end on class four. It helps them to focus on internal behaviors rather than external.

Executive Session -3:00 p.m. -3:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Dennis Munksgard, Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to approve the minutes from December 21, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report: Lisa Hagberg, Finance Director stated that for 2021 the professional services in the jail were a little over budget and the revenues were down a little. Overall, we should be right on target for the 2022 budget.

Warden Jon Collins stated that with PIMCC and Trinity in place we will be right in line for 2022. The revenues were down last year due to COVID, we did not have as many commitments.

Old Business - None

Warden's Report

Warden Jon Collins emailed the stats for December 2021 and January 2022:

	Total Inmates Male	Total Inmates Female	Average Population	Work Release	Housed for other facilities	Housed by other facilities	Sentenced Inmates County	Sentenced Inmates State	Total Community Service Hours
December	76	19	95	0	5	1	24	5	0
January	78	19	97	4	6	1	35	0	59

Warden Jon Collins stated that there are two part time correction officers that will move to full time once their training is completed.

The DOC inspection of the jail is scheduled for June 2022. Therefore, there is a lot of general maintenance going on to make sure we are up to code etc.

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin stated that the work release hours were low for January to which Warden Jon Collins stated that all the work release people have jobs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston, seconded by Sheriff Brian Zeybel to approve the Warden's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Opioid Settlement: Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that the county will receive money over a three-year period as a result of this settlement. This money can be used for a variety of things such as the structure of the jail and the treatment inmates receive.

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston asked if the Prison Board should have a side bar or should a sub committee be formed.

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin stated that there will be a committee after the April Governing Board meeting for which Kari and Jess Arnold will be a part of. If anyone is interested on being on the committee, please let him know.

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that if you have any ideas, please submit them to Betsy Miller.

Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt stated that all 67 counties have signed on to be a part of the settlement. Things will move quickly once the bankruptcy hearings are completed.

Announcements and/or Comments: Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt stated that he would like an executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel.

Next Meeting Date: April 19, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With nothing further motion was made by Dennis Munksgard, Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to adjourn the regular meeting and move to the executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela J. Matve
Chief Clerk

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