

PRISON BOARD MINUTES
March 19, 2025

Participating in the meeting were:

Commissioner Frank Campbell
Commissioner Brenda Watson
Commissioner Bill Lyons
Judge Andrew Bender
District Attorney Clay Merris
Warden Jason Harvey
Solicitor William Bunt
Chief Clerk Shannon Hines

Present at the meeting: None

Judge Bender opened the meeting on March 19, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The meeting was available for in person participation and virtual participation. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warden's Report: Warden Harvey presented the Warden's Report. Commissioner Campbell stated that the average cost per day went down even though the inmate count also went down. Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the Warden's Report as presented. District Attorney Merris seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Firearm Change: Warden Harvey commented that he received a quote to replace the nine 45 caliber pistols currently used by Prison staff. He said he received two prices and the lesser price was \$3,217.50 for all nine new handguns. He stated that he looked at the value of the current guns versus the price for the new guns and anticipated that the cost received from selling the current guns would offset a large portion of the cost of the new pistols. Additionally, Warden Harvey noted the reduced cost of ammunition for the new handguns and the anticipated savings. Solicitor Bunt stated that he would review with Warden Harvey the process to dispose of the current pistols and asked him to explore the possibility of a trade in with the vendor. Judge Bender made a motion to authorize the Warden to move forward with the purchase of nine Glock model 45 9mm pistols. District Attorney Merris seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business:

Commissioner Campbell asked if the Prison vehicle was back in service and Warden Harvey confirmed that it was but noted that additional repairs would be needed at a later date.

Commissioner Campbell asked why we only have Juniata County inmate and Warden Harvey said many times it has to do with work release. Judge Bender confirmed that work release is a factor and he commented that he has allowed Juniata County inmates to serve their sentences in Perry County but the inmates must make up the difference in housing costs.

Commissioner Campbell asked if there were any new updates on ICE. Warden Harvey said no, but did mention that there were two inmates that the feds brought in under their jurisdiction with ICE detainers currently at the facility.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: Commissioner Lyons made a motion at 12:18 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.