

PRISON BOARD MINUTES
May 20, 2026

Participating in the meeting were:

Commissioner Frank Campbell
Commissioner Bill Lyons
Commissioner Brenda Watson
District Attorney Clay Merris
Sheriff Dave Hammar
Warden Jason Harvey
Chief Clerk Shannon Hines
Solicitor Bill Bunt

Present at the meeting: None

District Attorney Merris opened the meeting on May 20, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The meeting was available for in person and virtual participation. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: None

Approval of the Minutes: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2026 meeting. Sheriff Hammar seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warden's Report: Warden Harvey presented the Warden's Report. He noted several corrections to the inmate counts. Commissioner Campbell asked if the phone issue had been settled and Warden Harvey said it had and further discussion would occur during Executive Session. Commissioner Campbell said he had been putting the word out with other counties that the Perry County Prison could house their inmates, but noted that some counties were in multiyear housing contracts already. Warden Harvey stated that he had talked with Franklin County about housing, but transportation was an issue. The Board discussed the transportation of inmates from other counties if they were housed in Perry County. District Attorney Merris questioned the number of work release inmates. Sheriff Hammar made a motion to approve the Warden's Report. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Medical RFP: Warden Harvey said information had been sent out for review by the Board. He stated he would like to get the RFP out by the beginning of June but had some reservations about some of the private companies. He provided estimated costs of having nurses on staff, doctor/psych services, and a medical record system. He also discussed how other counties staff their Prison medical departments. The Board discussed the difference between having in house medical versus having an outside vendor provide all medical services. The Board also talked about visiting other facilities to view their medical set up. Chief Clerk Hines stated she would make updates to the RFP and then send it out to the Prison Board for review.

Taser Upgrade: Warden Harvey stated that due to a change in the facility's taser procedures SOP's needed to be updated. He said he needed Judge Bender to review the updated SOP's and then sign off on them. Commissioner Watson made a motion to move forward with getting the Judge's signature on the revised SOP's. Sheriff Hammar seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business:

None

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:24 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.