

PRISON BOARD MINUTES

June 17, 2026

Participating in the meeting were:

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

Present at the meeting: Tim Bassett, Lauryn Higgins, Barry Lowe, George Nye

Judge Bender opened the meeting on June 17, 2026 at 12:02 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: Sheriff Hammar made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warden's Report: Warden Harvey presented the Warden's Report. He commented on the telephone information and noted it was under the new regulations. Judge Bender asked about two of the inmates and Commissioner Campbell asked if there would be any inmates coming from Juniata County for housing in Perry County. Sheriff Hammar made a motion to approve the Warden's Report. District Attorney Merris seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Medical RFP: Warden Harvey said the RFP went out and also commented that he had reached out to Warden Nye from Columbia County regarding his medical program structure and he was in attendance. Warden Nye explained the hybrid medical service model used at his facility. He stated that Columbia County employs seven nurses as County employees, and then contracts with Spartan for medical doctor services at the prison facility. He detailed the medical services provided by Spartan and provided the contract his County has with the provider. Warden Nye said his County looked at transitioning the County nurses into Spartan, which would provide savings. He also mentioned that he had looked at PrimeCare, but it was more expensive than his current provider. Warden Nye noted that the number of grievances he receives regarding medical services decreases significantly since he began working with Spartan. He further commented that his facility deals with a lot of detox and MAT cases, and Spartan will make treatment recommendations over the phone based on the nurse's observations. He also provided the nurse job descriptions. Judge Bender asked about the average population and timeframe with Spartan. Warden Nye said it his average population was approximately 140 and his facility had been with Spartan for two years. Commissioner Watson questioned the County employed nurses and Warden Nye stated because the nurses are unionized, they had been able to transition the nursing staff from County to Spartan staff. Warden Nye provided additional details on the cost savings this would have provided if it would have been possible to make the change and recommended that nursing staff be provided by the vendor instead of creating the role within the County. Warden Nye provided information on a previous medical service provider. District Attorney Merris asked if there were benefits to having the nurses as County employees. Warden Nye said having them as County employees does provide more control

over costs, as well as implementation of new procedures. Warden Nye talked about the high cost of other vendors and the impact to small counties like Columbia and Perry. He also said that while Spartan offers mental health services, he utilizes a different entity for those services at his facility and provided details on the services. Judge Bender asked what the deadline for RFP submissions was and Chief Clerk Hines stated July 10th. Warden Harvey noted that the required onsite visit detailed in the RFP was scheduled for next week.

New Business: None

Public Comments: Judge Bender stated that he would be reviewing policies and would get them back to Warden Harvey.

Adjourn: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m. Sheriff Hammar seconded the motion. All agreed.