

PRISON BOARD MINUTES
July 16, 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
Solicitor William Bunt
Chief Clerk Shannon Hines

Present at the meeting: John Bowers, Barry Lowe

Judge Bender opened the meeting on July 16, 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: Sheriff Hammar made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warden's Report: Warden Harvey presented the Warden's Report. He provided information on the inmate population, as well as fund information to include commissary, trustee, and out of County funds. Sheriff Hammar made a motion to approve the Warden's Report. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Medical RFP: Warden Harvey said the RFP were opened at the Commissioners meeting on Monday. He noted that the mandatory, pre-meeting occurred as well, and all five attendees at the meeting submitted proposals. He provided the following information on the proposals that were received:

1. Star Nursing
 - a. Did not attend the mandatory pre-meeting
 - b. \$652,000 year 1, \$675,560 year 2, \$691,706 year 3
 - c. Based in California
 - d. Provide staff only
2. Zenova
 - a. Virtual services whenever possible
 - b. \$462,507 year 1
 - c. Additional pricing for additional services
 - d. Provide staff only
3. Southern Health
 - a. \$565,296 year 1 up to 75 inmates per day
 - b. \$1.25/diem per inmate for inmate population over 75
 - c. Based in Tennessee
 - d. Venango and Beaver counties are current customers

- e. 4% increase in year 2 and 3
- f. Tele psych at 1 hour in proposal
- 4. American Medical Staffing
 - a. Proposal provided hourly rates for staff
 - b. \$650,440
 - c. Provide staff only
- 5. PrimeCare
 - a. \$557,384.52 year 1
 - b. Current vendor for 29 years
 - c. Contract increase of CPI + 1%, but not less than 4.5%
 - d. Provider in multiple facilities across Pennsylvania
- 6. Spartan
 - a. \$425,760 year 1
 - b. 3% increase in year 2 and 3
 - c. Bedford and Columbia counties are current customers
 - d. No designated HSA

The Board discussed the concerns with a vendor that only provides staff. Solicitor Bunt thanked Warden Harvey for his review of the proposals, and recommended that the three vendors with similar proposals/services be further evaluated. The Board agreed. Commissioner Watson expressed a concern with an increase of CPI as that value fluctuates each year. John Bowers, from PrimeCare, provided additional details on the contract increase provided in his proposal. Judge Bender reiterated that a more thorough evaluation of PrimeCare, Spartan, and Southern Health should be completed. Warden Harvey asked about a tentative decision by the August 10th RFP schedule. Judge Bender stated that a special Prison Board meeting could be held on either August 6 or 7 to further discuss the proposal information Warden Harvey pulls together.

New Business: Judge Bender stated that he had reviewed several policies for the Warden and requested that the old and revised versions be emails to Solicitor Bunt, District Attorney Merris, and himself for additional review.

Public Comments: None

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:23 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.