

LAWRENCE COUNTY PRISON BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF July 17, 2024

The Lawrence County Prison Board Meeting Wednesday, July 17, 2024, was called to order by **Chairman District Attorney Joshua Lamancusa**, at 12:00 pm at the Lawrence County Commissioners Conference Room. Vanessa Bayless called the roll of those in attendance: **Commissioner Kennedy, District Attorney Lamancusa, Judge Motto, Controller Prestopine** (*arrived later during the meeting due to previous conflict*), **Sheriff Quahliero, Commissioner Sainato, and Commissioner Vogler.**

LCC. Warden Michael Mahlmeister, LCC Deputy Warden Spielvogel, and Debbie Wachter were also in attendance. The meeting was recorded and notice of the use of audio recording equipment was disclosed to those present. Those wishing to comment during the proceedings were advised that each shall be allotted five minutes.

VISITOR COMMENTS

None.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Sainato and seconded by Mr. Quahliero to approve the minutes of April 24, 2024. Motion carried. 7-0.

POPULATION REPORT/PERSONNEL/REVENUE REPORT

The Warden reported that there are 157 inmates. He also reported that 24 inmates are from out of the County and of those 24 inmates, 2 are juveniles and 4 are females. Mr.

Lamancusa reported that the collected revenue to date for out of County inmates is \$577,000.00.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Judge Motto, seconded by Mr. Prestopine to approve the payment of the bills. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Warden Mahlmeister detailed the quote process that he and Business Administrator Joseph Venasco were working on to secure a company to repair the LCC Fire System.

Additionally, Warden Mahlmeister discussed scheduled upgrades to the camera system, with the start date of July 29, 2024, and an expected completion date no longer than the end of this year calendar year. Mr. Lamancusa as the District Attorney discussed the investigation at the Jail and made the following prepared statement: The

body scanner was fully operational and working. Illegal Narcotics were brought into the jail by an inmate, the inmate secreted the drugs inside the booking area of the jail, went through the body scanner and then retrieved the drugs afterwards. Operational changes have been initiated to ensure that this cannot occur again. Multiple people will be charged, and the U.S. Attorneys Office is interested in this case.

NEW BUSINESS

The Warden stated the State inspection is scheduled for August 8, 2024, and will take approximately one (1) day to complete. The Warden further discussed the functionality of the jail's radio batteries and indicated that 30 have been ordered and the radios will switch from analog to digital next week which will increase their overall effectiveness.

Mr. Lamancusa explained the Jail would like to submit an application to the Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Board. Motion made by Mr. Lamancusa, seconded by Mr. Vogler to authorize the Jail to submit an application to the Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Board for a Peer Specialist. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Lamancusa is interested in pursuing an inmate work program for inmates outside of the Jail while serving their sentence. He will present an informal proposal for discussion at the next jail meeting. There were no objections by the Board.

Mr. Quahliero received a letter from UPMC Jameson regarding any individuals in the jail that require hospitalization stating that the Jail is responsible for that individual at all times. Judge Motto made it clear that releasing the inmate that has not been medically cleared is not an option. Mr. Lamancusa agreed that release is not an option. The inmate would stay at the hospital with the arresting officer. Deputy Warden Spielvogel stated that PrimeCare makes sure the inmate is medically cleared to be booked into the Jail. If not, the arresting officer must stay with until cleared.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Ms. Wachter asked what is the Peer Specialist position and would this have to go to Salary Board. She also asked if she could have a copy of the letter from UPMC Jameson.

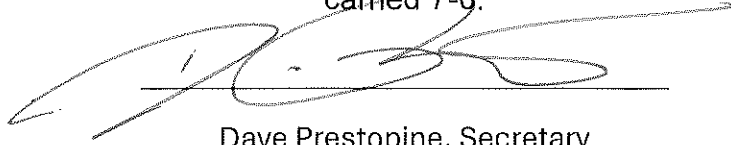
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Quahliero and seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Prison Board meeting dated Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 12:40 PM. Motion

carried 7-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Prestopine', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Dave Prestopine, Secretary