

LAWRENCE COUNTY PRISON BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Friday, March 22, 2024

The Lawrence County Prison Board Meeting Wednesday, March 22, 2024, was called to order by **Chairman District Attorney Joshua Lamancusa**, at 8:31 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Conference Room. Kristine Venasco called the roll of those in attendance: **Commissioner Kennedy, Judge Motto, Controller Prestopine, Sheriff Quahliero, Commissioner Sainato, Commissioner Vogler, LCC Warden Michael Mahlmeister, LCC Deputy Warden Simmons and LCC Deputy Warden Spielvogel.** 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

Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Quahliero and seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024. Motion carried. 7-0.

POPULATION REPORT/PERSONNEL REPORT

The warden reported that there have not been any changes within the last 2 days.

FISCAL

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lamancusa stated that the need for this special meeting of the Lawrence County Prison Board was necessitated by the executive session that was held previously on March 20, 2024. Mr. Lamancusa explained that there is a need for the board to take action and empower the Warden to make hiring decisions without a prison board vote. This would give the Warden more flexibility in hiring and this expansion of this authority would be limited to hiring decisions only. Mr. Lamancusa explained that the newly proposed hiring process would be as follows: The prospective candidate for

employment would submit an application for county employment, a background check would be completed by the Intelligence Officer at the Lawrence County Jail, the District Attorney's Office would provide any additional relevant information regarding the applicant and/or application, and then the application would be distributed to the Prison Board for any relevant input regarding the application, the applicant and/or the process. Ultimately, the hiring decision would be reserved to the Warden and his decision would be final after considering all input from Prison Board Members.

Motion made by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Sainato permitting the Warden to unilaterally make hiring decisions independent of the board. Motion carried 7-0.

VISITOR COMMENTS

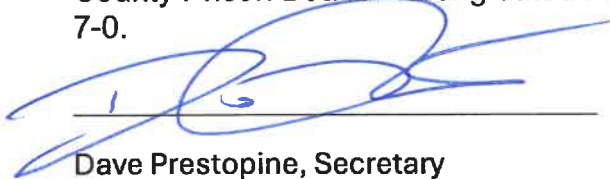
None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Quahliero and seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Prison Board meeting dated Friday, March 22, 2024, at 8:37 AM. Motion carried 7-0.



Dave Prestopine, Secretary