

PRISON BOARD MEETING

The Prison Board meeting was held on January 19, 2022 at 12:05 p.m. at the Lawrence County Government Center. In attendance were:

District Attorney Lamancusa
Judge Motto
Controller Prestopine
Commissioner Vogler
Commissioner Spielvogel

Also in attendance were: Solicitor Jason Medure, Kristine Venasco, Administrative Assistant, and Warden Mahlmeister.

Commissioner Spielvogel called the meeting to order.

Minutes – Judge Motto made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17, 2021. District Attorney Lamancusa seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Population Report – Warden Mahlmeister reported that there are 96 inmates and that there are a few that are Covid positive. He explained that they are isolated and that they have barriers to make sure there is no cross-contamination. Commissioner Vogler made a motion to accept the population report. District Attorney Lamancusa seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Bills - Acting Controller Prestopine made a motion to approve the bills. Judge Motto seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business – None

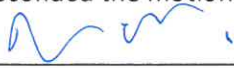
New Business – Commissioner Spielvogel stated that she would like to form a committee to assist in filling the permanent position of the Warden. District Attorney Lamancusa volunteered along with Judge Motto and Controller Prestopine. District Attorney Lamancusa stated that the Board President should also be included in that committee. Commissioner Spielvogel volunteered to also sit on the committee. Solicitor Medure recommended that they stay at 3 Prison Board members for the committee. Judge Motto commented that he would have the least flexibility so he would step aside. Commissioner Vogler stated that he would not volunteer because he felt that they already had a great committee of volunteers. Commissioner Spielvogel added that she would also like to have Solicitor Medure, County Administrator Joe Venasco and Human Resources Director Karen King on the committee.

Commissioner Vogler asked the Warden if he or anyone else on the board thought that it would be feasible to ask other counties if they were looking to house inmates and would be interested in sending them to Lawrence County. Judge Motto felt that if the Prison is in lockdown then the prisoners would be stuck in Lawrence County and it may not be a good idea right now. The Warden added that it could be a possibility in the future.

Visitor Comments – None

Executive Session – District Attorney Lamancusa requested Executive Session following adjournment to discuss a personnel matter. For the purposes of the Executive Session District Attorney Lamancusa asks that the Interim Warden stays.

Adjournment – 12:10 District Attorney made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Dan Vogler seconded the motion. Motion carries 5 – 0.



Morgan Boyd, Secretary