



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

c/o Blair County Controller, 423 Allegheny St., Ste 141, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of July 7, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. In the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessler, Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C. Stickel, District Attorney Peter Weeks, President Judge Wade Kagarise, Deputy Sheriff R.J. Peo

Board Members not in Attendance: Sheriff James Ott

Quorum: Present

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens: Altoona Mirror

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Warden Matthew Hale, Deputy Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Warden Yedlosky, Kyle Brashear, Lindsay Dempsie, Angela Wagner

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Bob Dupont

Call to Order: Commissioner Kessler called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Led by Commissioner Kessler.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Commissioner Kessler.

The roll was called by Commissioner Kessler. No one additional joined over zoom and there was technical issues with the phone.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Bob Dupont : Prison Society – Regarding a letter from Earnest Fuller, Centre County had a feasibility study for open air space in their jail. Is this concern being addressed in the current design of the new prison.

Comment from Prison Board Members: Judge Kagarise – Asks if Mr. Dupont's concerns are part of the design? He can't recall.

Commissioner Kessler – The Prison Society was reached out to and though plans aren't being shared do to security issues all concerns in letter from Prison Society member Ernest Fuller's letter have been met with each unit having its own open-air area.

Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2026 and May 12, 2026 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Controller Stickel to approve the May 5, 2026 and May 12, 2026 minutes of Prison Board. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Encartele Contract: A motion was made by Controller Stickel and seconded by Commissioner Kessler for ratification. The motion was unanimously carried.

Meeting of July 7, 2026 continued. . .

Recommendation to the Commissioners for Medical Contracting: Per recondition from Warden Hale, President Judge Kagarise made a motion to recommend the Armor Health bid to the Commissioners, commissioner Kessler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Inmate Population Report: Deputy Warden Edmundson provided an updated Inmate Population Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Inmate Services Report: Deputy Warden Edmundson provided an updated Inmate Population Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Warden's Report: Warden Hale provided the Warden's Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Staffing Update: Deputy Warden Yedlosky provided a Staffing Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Prison Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided the financial report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

The meeting was moved into an executive session to discuss security concerns.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday August 4, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "August C. Stickel IV".

August C. Stickel IV
Chairperson