



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of May 5, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. In the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessling, Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C. Stickel, District Attorney Peter Weeks, President Judge Wade Kagarise

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, Alicia Tiracave, Angela Wagner

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance: Frank Bailey

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Bob Dupont

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

Moment of Silent Prayer: Led by Commissioner Kessling.

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

The roll was called by Commissioner Kessling. No one additional joined over zoom.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Kay Stephens: Altoona Mirror - Possibly as part of the Warden's report the success of getting equipment from the closed State facilities.

Announcement of Prison Board Executive Sessions:

- An executive session was held on April 7, 2026 at 8:50am lasting approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes with Solicitor Chris Gabriel, Warden Hale, Deputy Wardens Edmundson and Yedlosky, Commissioners Kessling, Webster, and Burke, Controller Stickel, Judge Kagarise and District Attorney Weeks, and Chief Clerk Tiracave, to receive legal advice regarding staffing, population, location, and construction, and operational issues.
- An executive session was held on April 29, 2026 at 12 noon lasting approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes with Commissioners Kessling, Webster, and Burke, Controller Stickel, Judge Kagarise, Sheriff Ott, District Attorney Weeks, and Chief Clerk Tiracave, for the purposes of discussing security measures.

Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2026 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Kessling and seconded by Commissioner Webster to approve the April 7, 2026 minutes of Prison Board. The motion was unanimously carried.

Update as to where the Courts are Regarding Ankle Monitoring: The Board discussed the possible number of inmates eligible and the hold up in the process to start getting those inmates on monitors.

Discussion regarding if it is necessary for the Prison Board to determine a number of inmates to be moved and where and Vote to move inmates to Centre County:

The Board discussed if there should be a limit set to inmates moved and how much involvement the Prison Board should have on that matter.

Discussion regarding What steps are being taken by the Courts to reduce the inmate population: Not discussed because subject was brought up in other discussion point on the agenda.

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

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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.

A motion was made to recess the meeting while waiting for additional information regarding design for new prison facility. Commissioner Kessler moved to reconvene at 8:30am on Tuesday May 12, 2026 in the Commissioner's Public meeting room. Controller Stickel seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday May 12, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



August C. Stickel IV
Chairperson