

LAWRENCE COUNTY PRISON BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF February 19, 2025

The Lawrence County Prison Board Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 2025, was called to order by **Chairman Commissioner Chris Sainato**, at 12 pm at the Lawrence County Commissioners Conference Room. Ryan Anderson called the roll of those in attendance: **Controller Prestopine, Sheriff Quahliero, Commissioner Vogler (participated via phone)**, LCC Warden Michael Mahlmeister, and LCC Deputy Warden Simmons, LCC Deputy Warden Spielgovel, Terry Busin and no one from the New Castle News 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

Mr. Busin expressed his opinion on the kiosk machines at the jail and said that it costs too much money to add a dollar amount to an inmate's books in the jail. Deputy Warden Simmons explained that there are four different ways to add monetary value to an inmate's books. One being by the 1800 number, two use the lobby kiosk, three send money via money order which is a zero-cost fee and lastly via the website.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Prestopine and seconded by Mr. Quahliero to approve the minutes of January 22, 2025. Motion carried. 4-0.

POPULATION REPORT/PERSONNEL/REVENUE REPORT

There are a total of 140 inmates, 20 are female, 10 are juvenile, 20 are from another facility, and 21 are from other counties.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Mr. Prestopine, seconded by Mr. Quahliero, to approve the payment of the bills. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Deputy Warden Simmons gave a report about Live Scan, they're waiting for to get a secure line to be able to get it up and running. As of right now they do not have a tentative date for it to be online, Deputy Warden Simmons explained that it is a slow process.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Warden Spielvogel gave a report stating that there are 10 juveniles in the LCCC, of which 2 are from Mercer County and 8 are from Westmoreland County. The LCCC currently has six contracts with the counties surrounding Lawrence County. Ms. Spielvogel commended the work of the staff with the juvenile inmates, they must remain sight and sound unseen from the adult population.

VISITOR COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was called by Mr. Sainato at 12:27. Motion made by Mr. Prestopine and seconded by Mr. Quahliero.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:35.

The motion to continue Correction Officer 6114's indefinite unpaid suspension until the pending outcome was motioned by Mr. Prestopine and seconded by Mr. Quahliero to approve the continued unpaid suspension until further notice. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Prestopine, seconded by Mr. Quahliero to adjourn the Lawrence County Prison Board meeting dated Wednesday February 19, 2025, at 12:45 PM. Motion carried 4-0.


Daniel J. Vogler, Secretary