



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes Prison Board

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

12:00 PM

Lackawanna County Prison

Call To Order

Commissioner Corey O'Brien called the meeting to order at 12:10pm.

Present 6 - Corey D. O'Brien, John Szymanski, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, and Judge Vito Geroulo

Absent 1 - Andrew Jarbola

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Judge Vito Geroulo, seconded by Controller Gary DiBileo, to Dispense with the Reading and Approve as Prepared. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Corey D. O'Brien, John Szymanski, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, and Judge Vito Geroulo

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board (Agenda Items Only)

Reports

13-1010

Controller's Report

Attachments: [Controller's 3-27 Report](#)

A motion was made by Judge Vito Geroulo, seconded by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, that this Report be Accepted as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Corey D. O'Brien, John Szymanski, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, and Judge Vito Geroulo

13-1008

Community Corrections Center Report

Attachments: [Prison Bd Report - Feb. 2013](#)
[Revenue Performance Report - Calendar Year Jan-Dec 2013](#)
[BPR - Feb 2013](#)

A motion was made by Judge Vito Geroulo, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this Report be Accepted as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Corey D. O'Brien, John Szymanski, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, and Judge Vito Geroulo

[13-1009](#)

Warden's Report

Attachments: [Warden's Report 02-2013](#)
[Women's Work Release Report 02-2013](#)
[OT Comparison 2013](#)
[Comm Serv Report 02-2013](#)
[Prison Board Report Yearly Comparison](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Judge Vito Geroulo, that this Report be Accepted as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Corey D. O'Brien, John Szymanski, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, and Judge Vito Geroulo

13-1012

Motion to adopt a \$100.00 (One hundred dollar) processing fee for County Parole Violators, Domestic Violators, Fines and Costs Violators, and House Arrest Violators.

Vote tabled for further discussion and legal opinion.

Commissioner Pat O'Malley- The County parole violators, domestic etc- \$100 for everyone that comes back?

Warden Robert McMillan-Correct-they do not go back through the processing center- I asked the Solicitor to look at it and he couldn't find any exceptions in the law that would exempt us from charging that, it would be charged in addition to what they currently owe.

Commissioner Pat O'Malley-Warden- look into a lodging fee.

Judge Vito Geroulo-I don't question our authority to do it, I question whether it's practical and appropriate to do it. The costs imposed on violators now are pretty staggering; a misdemeanor charge is \$2,000 in court costs, it's a tax on the poor; seem to be adding more and more bills on top of it.

Warden Robert McMillan-I think we should look into a drug/alcohol intensive treatment program here at the prison-the social costs to the agencies outside the prison could be reduced. May increase prison costs, but may reduce the outside costs- self contained, intensive, therapeutic community, whether a 30-45 day program.

Commissioner Corey O'Brien- Can you get us a breakdown within the drug and alcohol community what the subject areas are in the prison population? Because if we want to establish a program we need to know what we are going after.

Warden Robert McMillan-Far and away its heroin use.

Judge Vito Geroulo- Heroin has become extraordinarily cheap and plentiful and accessible; very difficult to kick. I strongly support the therapeutic community for drug treatment-as these local prisoners will be coming back into our community.

Warden Robert McMillan-I would like to do a study and get a idea of what'd it cost-

Commissioner Corey O'Brien-Bring the study and presentation to our next meeting, need ot address this issue.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Bob Bolus, Scranton: Drug and Alcohol treatment and recovery; to help with fees, inmates and people on parole should be allowed more public/community service ex: clean courthouse, which produces productive outcomes and gets them working and is a possible deterrent.

Questions that were submitted to Dr. Zaloga and the Board; other prisoners are ignored regarding their health; need specialists, denied health care. The questions that were submitted my Attorney Moses need to be answered

Commissioner Corey O'Brien- a letter will be prepared from the Prison Board solicitor addressing your concerns.

Member's Other Business

Adjournment

A motion was made by Judge Vito Geroulo, seconded by Sheriff John Szymanski, that this meeting be Adjourned at 1:05pm. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Corey D. O'Brien, John Szymanski, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, and Judge Vito Geroulo