



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes Prison Board

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

12:00 PM

Lackawanna County Prison

Call To Order

Commissioner Jim Wansacz called the meeting to order at 12:25pm.

Present 6 - Andrew Jarbola, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, Judge Vito Geroulo, and Mark McAndrew

Absent 1 - Corey D. O'Brien

Approval of Minutes

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

Aye: 6 - Andrew Jarbola, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, Judge Vito Geroulo, and Mark McAndrew

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

Motions

[14-1068](#)

Motion to approve all current payables for the Community Corrections Center, Juvenile Detention Center, and the Prison.

Attachments: [3H502OIA.pdf0](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, seconded by District Attorney Andrew Jarbola, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Andrew Jarbola, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, Judge Vito Geroulo, and Mark McAndrew

[14-1071](#)

Motion to review and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Lackawanna County Prison and the Women's Resource Center, pending final approval at the next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting.

Attachments: [Womens Resource Center MOU](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Andrew Jarbola, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, and Mark McAndrew

Abstain: 1 - Judge Vito Geroulo

[14-1072](#)

Motion to review and approve the proposed Agreement with North American Master Services for Language Line Services for the Lackawanna County Prison, pending final approval at the next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting.

Attachments: [Language Line Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Andrew Jarbola, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, and Mark McAndrew

Abstain: 1 - Judge Vito Geroulo

Reports

[14-1069](#)

Controller's Report

Attachments: [Controllers Prison Report 12172014](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, seconded by District Attorney Andrew Jarbola, that this Report be Accepted as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Andrew Jarbola, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, Judge Vito Geroulo, and Mark McAndrew

[14-1067](#)

Community Corrections Center Report

Attachments: [Prison Bd Report - November 2014](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Andrew Jarbola, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, Judge Vito Geroulo, and Mark McAndrew

[14-1070](#)

Warden's Report

Attachments: [Warden's Report 11-2014](#)
[OT Comparison 2014](#)
[Prison Board Report Yearly Comparison](#)
[Women's Work Release Report 11-2014](#)
[comm serv report 11-2014](#)

A motion was made that this Report be Accepted as presented. The motion failed by the following vote.

Judge Vito Geroulo: (in response to the Wardens report) complaints about the media sound like whining- it is the medias obligation to report and point out any wrongdoing. Suicide and staff support morale-workers comp alone is a weak comment, counselors needed; I reached out to Jeremy Yale of BHIEDI to obtain information regarding counseling services for outside evaluations. I think there is more that we can do for our staff.

Controller Gary DiBileo: County employee assistance program- do we have something like that in place? Lacking in assistance for our employees at the prison-what is the cost associated?

Commissioner Jim Wansacz: an employee assistance program would have to be for ALL employees, not just the prison.

Judge Vito Geroulo: canteen fund for the Jeremy Yale counseling services?

Commissioner Jim Wansacz: staff morale- union reps to present to the Board every month. I.T. is aware of the situation, must work together. CBA- all parties involved are frustrated, but when it goes to arbitration, it is out of everybody's hands.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: Tier walkers- training/ CO's morale.

Judge Vito Geroulo: much of the warden's report should be brought to the attention of CJAB- the prison stands with us, and not alone. A meeting should be called with the Courts, Sheriff and Union to discuss the processing center complaints/concerns.

Sheriff Mark McAndrew: Processing center will not get shut down-object to the closure of the center for an hour an afternoon as recommended by the warden.

~Motion to deny the request made by the warden, to not accept inmates from 1415 hrs to 1500 hrs.~

Motion made by Sheriff McAndrew, seconded by Judge Geroulo. Vote 6-0.

Nay: 6 - Andrew Jarbola, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, Judge Vito Geroulo, and Mark McAndrew

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Bob Bolus, Scranton: Solid Waste Authority/Recycling center- fair wages should be paid to the prisoners who work there. Prisoners mental health; strip search; Dr. Zaloga's refusal to turn over medical records; mattresses; Christmas party-held at St. Pats cathedral, all day buffet-it is our 20th year.

Member's Other Business

No other business

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Andrew Jarbola, Gary DiBileo, Jim Wansacz, Patrick O'Malley, Judge Vito Geroulo, and Mark McAndrew