

IJ 01-24  
1/2/2024

Sheriff Benedict called the meeting to order at 8:30 am in Courtroom 2.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Sheriff Benedict, Commissioners Hall, Darrow, and Herschel, President Judge Legg, and District Attorney O’Malley.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to appoint Sheriff Benedict as Chairman.  
Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Herschel to appoint Commissioner Hall as Vice-Chairman.  
Second by Commissioner Darrow. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by President Judge Legg to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023, Susquehanna County Prison Board Meeting.  
Second by District Attorney O’Malley. Ayes: Sheriff Benedict, Commissioner Hall and Herschel, President Judge Legg, District Attorney O’Malley. Abstain: Commissioner Darrow. Motion Carried.

Prison Census:

December 2023 Prison Census			
Prisoners	Male	Female	Total
Total Population	38	9	47
Regular Inmates	38 (0 State)	9 (0 State)	47 (0 state)
Average Daily Population	42	8	50
Average Length of Stay	16	18	17
Recidivism Rate			
Work Release Inmates	2	0	2
County Work Program	5 4 Recycle Center 1 Trustee Kitchen/0 Laundry	2 1 Trustee kitchen/1 laundry	7
Boarded In	0 (0 Wyoming, 0 Wayne, 0 Lack.)	1 (1 Wyoming)	1
Boarded Out	1 (1 Wyoming)	0	1
Weekend Inmate(s)	0	0	0
Norristown Eval (not part of count)	0	0	0
302/304/5b Transfer (not part of count)	0	0	0
State SIP Program (not part of count)	0	0	0
Pending Extradition	0	0	0
Others: Not part of count	0	0	0

Personnel	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
-----------	-----------	-----------	-------

Corrections Officers	27	4	31
Sergeants	5	0	5
Cooks	2	0	2
Interns	0	0	0

Motion by Commissioner Hall to approve the Warden’s December 2023 report on the Jail Census and Personnel Report.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by President Judge Legg to ratify and approve the transfer of Charles Olsommer from the position of part-time Corrections Officer to the open, union-eligible position of full-time Corrections Officer, no change in pay, effective December 14, 2023, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the Jail Bargaining Agreement and the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to approve the hiring of Rolly Miller, Hallstead, to the open, part-time, union-eligible position of Corrections Officer, Grade 4, effective January 2, 2024, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the Jail Bargaining Agreement and the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by President Judge Legg. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Boarding-in/income/fines/ Domestic for the month of December 2023 was approximately:

Wyoming County	\$ 0.00
Lackawanna County	\$ 0.00
Wayne County	\$ 0.00
Room/Board fees	\$ 450.00
Fines and Court fees	\$ 1,150.48
Domestic Relations	\$200.00
Boarding – Out	\$210.00

Public Comment: None

Warden provided update on DOC training and that Sergeants will be switching to 12 hours shifts soon.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to close the Prison Board Meeting.

Second by District Attorney O’Malley. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Benedict declared the meeting adjourned at 8:33 am.

Attest:

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebekah Hubbard, Chief Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lance Benedict, Chairman

IJ 02-24  
2/6/2024

Sheriff Benedict called the meeting to order at 8:30 am in Courtroom 2.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Sheriff Benedict, Commissioners Hall, Darrow, and Herschel, and President Judge Legg.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024, Susquehanna County Prison Board Meeting.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Prison Census:

<u>January 2024 Prison Census</u>			
Prisoners	Male	Female	Total
Total Population	37	14	51
Regular Inmates	36 (1 State)	14 (0 State)	51
Average Daily Population	36	15	51
Average Length of Stay	20	16	18
Recidivism Rate			
Work Release Inmates	3	1	4
County Work Program	6 4 Recycle Center 1 Trustee Kitchen/1 Laundry	1 1 Trustee kitchen	7
Boarded In	0 (0 Wyoming, 0 Wayne, 0 Lack.)	6 (1 Wyoming)	1
Boarded Out	1 (1 Wyoming)	0	1
Weekend Inmate(s)	0	0	0
Norristown Eval (not part of count)	0	0	0
302/304/5b Transfer (not part of count)	0	0	0
State SIP Program (not part of count)	0	0	0
Pending Extradition	0	0	0
Others: Not part of count	0	0	0

Personnel	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
Corrections Officers	23	3	26
Sergeants	5	0	5
Cooks	2	0	2
Interns	0	0	0

Motion by Commissioner Hall to approve the Warden's January 2024 report on the Jail Census and Personnel Report.

Second by Commissioner Darrow. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to ratify and approve the termination of Marie Travis from the position of Corrections Officer, effective January 2, 2024, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Darrow to ratify and approve the termination of Marcus Shaver, from the position of Corrections Officer, effective January 12, 2024, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to accept, with regret, the resignation of Elizabeth Smith from the position of Corrections Sergeant/Shift Commander, effective January 15, 2024, per Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Darrow. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to ratify and approve the termination of Melissa McCloskey from the position of Corrections Sergeant/Shift Commander effective January 17, 2024, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Darrow to ratify and approve the transfer of Ian Smith from the position of full-time Corrections Officer to the open, full-time, non-union eligible position of Corrections Sergeant/Shift Commander, Grade 6, effective January 22, 2024, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Hall. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to ratify and approve the transfer of Karl Hummel from the position of full-time Corrections Officer to the open, full-time, non-union eligible position of Corrections Sergeant/Shift Commander, Grade 6, effective January 22, 2024, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second By Commissioner Darrow. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Darrow to ratify and approve the termination of Jacob Lucas from the position of Corrections Officer effective January 30, 2024, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second By Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to accept, with regret, the resignation of Ethan Hitchcock from the position of Corrections Sergeant/Shift Commander, effective February 14, 2024, per Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second By Commissioner Darrow. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to approve the transfer of Jason Smith from the position of full-time Corrections Officer to the open, full-time, non-union eligible position of Corrections Sergeant/Shift Commander, Grade 6, effective February 14, 2024, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second By Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Darrow to ratify and approve, the transfer of Rolly Miller from the position of part-time Corrections Officer to the open, union-eligible position of full-time Corrections Officer, no change in pay, effective January 25, 2024, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the Jail Bargaining Unit and the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second By Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Boarding-in/income/fines/ Domestic for the month of January 2024 was approximately:

Wyoming County	\$ 8,400.00
Lackawanna County	\$ 0.00
Wayne County	\$ 0.00
Room/Board fees	\$ 250.00
Fines and Court fees	\$ 780.00
Domestic Relations	\$200.00

Boarding – Out: Calculated in with the income from Wyoming County on a 1 for 1 ratio.

Public Comment:

The Warden reports that training for officers is ongoing and he is currently preparing the general information report for the State.

A member of the public mentioned the idea of a therapeutic music program and the importance of it. The Warden informed her to bring details to the Jail Board.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to close the Prison Board Meeting.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Benedict declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 am.

Attest:

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebekah Hubbard, Chief Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lance Benedict, Chairman

IJ 03-24  
3/12/2024

Commissioner Hall called the meeting to order at 8:30 am in Courtroom 2.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Sheriff Benedict, Commissioners Hall, and Herschel, President Judge Legg, and District Attorney O'Malley.

Motion by Commissioner Herschel to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024, Susquehanna County Prison Board Meeting.

Second by President Judge Legg. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Prison Census:

<u>February 2024 Prison Census</u>			
Prisoners	Male	Female	Total
Total Population	31	13	44
Regular Inmates	31	13	44
Average Daily Population	34	15	49
Average Length of Stay	19	21	20
Recidivism Rate			
Work Release Inmates	5	1	6
County Work Program	4 3 Recycle Center 1 Trustee Kitchen	1 1 Trustee Laundry	5

Boarded In	0 (0 Wyoming, 0 Wayne, 0 Lack.)	2 (2 Wyoming)	2
Boarded Out	1 (1 Wyoming)	0	1
Weekend Inmate(s)	0	0	0
Norristown Eval (not part of count)	0	0	0
302/304/5b Transfer (not part of count)	1 (1 304 Norristown)	0	1
State SIP Program (not part of count)	0	0	0
Pending Extradition	0	0	0
Others: Not part of count	0	0	0

Personnel	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
Corrections Officers	22	5	27
Sergeants	5	0	5
Cooks	2	0	2
Interns	0	0	0

Motion by Commissioner Hall to approve the Warden's February 2024 report on the Jail Census and Personnel Report.

Second by President Judge Legg. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by President Judge Legg to ratify and approve the termination of RaeLyn Jennings from the position of Corrections Officer, effective February 7, 2024, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to ratify and accept, with regret, the resignation of Charles Olsommer from the position of Corrections Officer, effective February 25th, 2024, per Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by President Judge Legg to ratify and approve the hiring of Ethan Hitchcock, Montrose, to the open, full-time, union-eligible position of Corrections Officer, Grade 4, effective February 27, 2024, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the Jail Bargaining Unit and the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to ratify and approve the hiring of Carol Strohl, Montrose, to the open, part-time, union-eligible position of Corrections Officer, Grade 4, effective March 4, 2024, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the Jail Bargaining Unit and the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by President Judge Legg to ratify and approve the hiring of Avery Wiese, Conklin, NY to the open, part-time, union-eligible position of Corrections Officer, Grade 4, effective March 6, 2024, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the Jail Bargaining Unit and the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to ratify and approve the hiring of Samuel Cosmello, III, New Milford, to the open, part-time, union-eligible position of Corrections Officer, Grade 4, effective March 6, 2024, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the

Jail Bargaining Unit and the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiaramonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Herschel to ratify and approve the hiring of Darcia Mason, Hop Bottom, to the open, part-time, union-eligible position of Corrections Officer, Grade 4, effective March 11, 2024, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the Jail Bargaining Unit and the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiaramonte.

Second by Commissioner Hall. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by President Judge Legg to ratify and approve the hiring of Kristi Tedesco, Montrose, to the open, part-time, union-eligible position of Corrections Officer, Grade 4, effective March 11, 2024, with a six-month probationary period and benefits according to the Jail Bargaining Unit and the County Policy Manual, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiaramonte.

Second by Commissioner Hall Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Boarding-in/income/fines/ Domestic for the month of February 2024 was approximately:

Wyoming County	\$ 10,220.00
Lackawanna County	\$ 0.00
Wayne County	\$ 0.00
Room/Board fees	\$ 420.00
Fines and Court fees	\$ 725.00
Domestic Relations	\$ 50.00

Boarding – Out: Calculated in with the income from Wyoming County on a 1 for 1 ratio

Public Comment:

Warden commented that they are working with maintenance to prepare the building for the next inspection. Additionally, there were various trainings in the process of being set up and that there has been an increase in staffing.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to close the Prison Board Meeting.

Second by District Attorney O'Malley. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Benedict declared the meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.

Attest:

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebekah Hubbard, Chief Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lance Benedict, Chairman

IJ 04-24  
4/2/2024

Sheriff Benedict called the meeting to order at 8:30 am in Courtroom 2.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Sheriff Benedict, Commissioners Hall, Darrow, and Herschel.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, Susquehanna County Prison Board Meeting.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Prison Census:

March 2024 Prison Census			
Prisoners	Male	Female	Total
Total Population	34	16	50
Regular Inmates	34	16	50
Average Daily Population	35	13	48
Average Length of Stay	19	16	18
Recidivism Rate			
Work Release Inmates	5	1	6
County Work Program	4 2 Recycle Center 1 Trustee Kitchen/1 Laundry	0 0 Trustee Laundry	4
Boarded In	0 (0 Wyoming, 0 Wayne, 0 Lack.)	3 (3 Wyoming)	3
Boarded Out	1 (1 Wyoming)	0	1
Weekend Inmate(s)	0	0	0
Norristown Eval (not part of count)	0	0	0
302/304/5b Transfer (not part of count)	1 (1 304 Norristown)	0	1
State SIP Program (not part of count)	0	0	0
Pending Extradition	1	1	2
Others: Not part of count	0	0	0

Personnel	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
Corrections Officers	24	5	29
Sergeants	5	0	5
Cooks	2	0	2
Interns	0	0	0

Motion by Commissioner Hall to approve the Warden’s March 2024 report on the Jail Census and Personnel Report.

Second by Commissioner Darrow. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to approve the candidates below for hiring or transfer, per the recommendation of Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

NAME	ADDRESS	POSITION	GRADE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Keith Kunkle	Great Bend	P/T Corrections Officer	4	3/21/2024
Tyler Stone	Dalton	P/T Corrections Officer	4	4/2/2024
Madison Severcool	Montrose	P/T Corrections Officer	4	4/2/2024
Carol Strohl	Great Bend	Transfer to F/T Corrections Officer	4	3/28/2024



Avery Weise	Conklin, NY	Transfer to F/T Corrections Officer	4	3/28/2024
Samuel Cosmello	New Milford	Transfer to F/T Corrections Officer	4	3/28/2024
Darcia Mason	Hop Bottom	Transfer to F/T Corrections Officer	4	4/4/2024
Kristi Tedesco	Montrose	Transfer to F/T Corrections Officer	4	3/28/2024

Motion by Commissioner Hall to ratify and accept, with regret, the resignation of Victoria Jordan from the position of Corrections Officer, effective March 5, 2024, per Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Darrow. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to ratify and approve the resignation of Jennifer Gallagher from the position of Corrections Officer, effective March 13, 2024, per Warden Vincent Chiamonte.

Second by Commissioner Herschel Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Boarding-in/income/fines/ Domestic for the month of March 2024 was approximately:

Wyoming County	\$ 3,640.00
Lackawanna County	\$ 0.00
Wayne County	\$ 0.00
Room/Board fees	\$ 1,110.00
Fines and Court fees	\$ 1,722.00
Domestic Relations	\$ 50.00

Boarding – Out: Calculated in with the income from Wyoming County on a 1 for 1 ratio

Public Comment: None

Deputy Warden Karakash provided update on training and that the Maintenance Department is working on minor improvements for the next inspection.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to close the Prison Board Meeting.

Second by Commissioner Herschel. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Benedict declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31 am.

Attest:

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebekah Hubbard, Chief Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lance Benedict, Chairman

