



CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Board of Inspectors

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

Jonathan Grine
President Judge/ Chair

Steve Dershem
Commissioner/Vice-Chair

Mark Higgins
Commissioner

Amber Concepcion
Commissioner

Jason Moser
Controller

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Sheriff

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John Franek, Jr.
County Administrator

Kristen Simkins
HR Director

Christopher Schell
Warden

Janet Irons
Prison Society

Connie Martin
Prison Society

Brian Bortree

Nick Pressley

Amanda Brown

Jennifer Gau

Irvin Moore

I. Call to Order

- a. The Board of Inspectors Chair, President Judge Grine, called the meeting to order on January 19, 2023 at 8:00 am.

II. Public Comments

- a. There were no public comments.

III. New Business

a. Appointment of Interim Warden

- i. Commissioner Dershem pointed out that Centre County is losing a qualified individual who served the county in an amazing capacity. Commissioner Dershem wanted to recognize Warden Schell's service and all the amazing things he's done for the Correctional Facility.
- ii. Commissioner Higgins agreed and added the morale at the Correctional Facility has increased. The recidivism continues to decrease. Warden Schell kept the place intact and helped out tenant counties during COVID.
- iii. Warden Schell stated it was a team effort and a positive experience.
- iv. Commissioner Dershem started a discussion to consider appointing Deputy Irwin as Interim Warden. It was stated by Commissioner Dershem he has decades of experience in corrections and the capacity to operate the facility. President Judge Grine said Deputy Irwin has a good rapport with the staff.
 1. On a motion by Sheriff Sampsel, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Deputy Glenn Irwin as Interim Warden beginning January 27, 2023.

b. Recruitment Discussion

- i. Kristen Simkins explained to the Board how the interview process works, and that HR would provide a list of the qualified candidates to the Board.
 1. Only the qualified applicants would be interviewed by the first round of interviewers. The second round of interviews would include everyone on the Board.

- ii. President Judge Grine stated the Warden has been excellent with the courts, therefore it's imperative for the courts to have someone of Warden Schell's caliber to work with.

IV. Adjourn

- a. On a motion by Sheriff Sampsel, seconded by Commissioner Concepcion, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 am.

V. Next Meeting

- a. The next Board of Inspectors meeting will be February 9, 2023 at 8:00 AM.
- b. The Board of Inspectors meetings will be hybrid, with the option of attending in-person or remotely. The monthly meetings will be held in the Community Room at the Centre County Correctional Facility at 8:00 am.

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Respectfully Submitted by:

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Glenn Irwin, Interim Warden