

JUVENILE DETENTION BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2015 9:50 a.m.

Board members present: Sheriff Jonathan Held, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Courtney, Commissioner Kopas, and Controller Balzer.

Controller Jeff Balzer called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting was made by Sheriff Held, seconded by Commissioner Courtney. Unanimous.

Director James W. Ringdal gave the Director's Report.

A total admission for March 31, 2015 to August 1, 2015 was 33 residents, 9 of those were out of county, and 3 were Act 96 youth. The Juvenile Detention has operated at 79% capacity from March 31, 2015 – August 1, 2015. The average daily population was 9.42 out of 12. There were 5 incident reports.

This quarter part-time and temporary employees have been hired to assist with overtime costs. Mandatory trainings, especially PREA trainings have resulted in a temporary increase in overtime costs.

To enhance out-of-county utilization of available bed space, the Director is continuing to make contacts with several counties. Referrals have been received from Fayette, Somerset, and Bucks County.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to apply for a waiver to get additional bed authorization from the Department of Human Services, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Bids are being sought for a new building generator. The current generator is not powerful enough to manage the needs of the building. A gas or diesel generator is being sought.

There was an emergency evacuation of July 15, 2015. Due to the high humidity and the inadequate venting system, much of the exhaust fumes were held down, thus creating an unacceptable air quality inside the facility.

The Director will be developing a revised bid for security systems maintenance.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.