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Jail Standards Board
October 21, 2016

The Jail Standards Board met at 9:00 AM on Friday, October 21, 2016 at the Cherry County Justice Center, 365 North Main, Valentine, Nebraska. Public notice of the meeting was published October 7, 2015 in the *Lincoln Journal Star.*

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Vice-Chair Keith Harvat. The following members were **present**: Brad Alexander, Keith Harvat, Ron Johns, Jim Peschong, Connie Pfeiffer, Bruce Prenda, Kevin Stuckenholtz and Mike Thurber; The following members were ***excused***: Vesta Dack, Don Fritz, Scott Frakes, and Sherry Morrow. **Staff Members present:** Dan Evans and Ann Bauers. **Others present included:** Jim Van Winkle, Cherry County Commissioner.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

III. STAFF REPORT

Evans gave a brief update of the October activities of the Jail Standards staff.

IV. REVIEW OF ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

A. Facilities Found to be in Full Compliance

Harvat noted the following facilities have been found in full compliance and copies of their reports were included in the mailout for the members to review: Cass County Jail, Dodge County Jail, Douglas County Youth Center Secure, Douglas County Youth Center Staff Secure, Fillmore County Jail, Gage County Jail, Jefferson County Jail, Johnson County Jail, Lancaster County Adult Detention, Lancaster County Youth Services Secure, Lancaster County Youth Services Staff Secure, Nemaha County Jail, Otoe County Jail, Richardson County Jail, Sarpy County Jail, Sarpy County Juvenile Services, Thayer County Jail and Washington County Jail.

Motion

A motion was made by Alexander and seconded by Johns to find the Cass County Jail, Dodge County Jail, Douglas County Youth Center Secure, Douglas County Youth Center Staff Secure, Fillmore County Jail, Gage County Jail, Jefferson County Jail, Johnson County Jail, Lancaster County Adult Detention, Lancaster County Youth Services Secure, Lancaster County Youth Services Staff Secure, Nemaha County Jail, Otoe County Jail, Richardson County Jail, Sarpy County Jail, Sarpy County Juvenile Services, Thayer County Jail and Washington County Jail in full compliance. Voting in favor of the motion: Alexander, Johns, Peschong, Pfeiffer, Prenda, Stuckenholtz, and Thurber (Motion Carried).

B. Facilities Found to be in Non-Compliance

There were no facilities found to be in Non-Compliance.

V. REVIEW OF CORRECTIVE ACTION

Scottsbluff County Detention

This facility was cited and found out of compliance by the Board during the September 23, 2016 meeting. The facility was cited for non-compliance on issues related to excessive occupancy in multi-occupancy cells, dormitories and dayrooms. A corrective action plan was presented and approved by the Board at the September 23, 2016 meeting. The corrective action plan progress was reviewed at this meeting.

Evans stated that Scottsbluff County Detention is sending information monthly and suggests that it be reviewed at the January meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding using JAMiN in keeping track of the jail population and the number of beds available.

Sheridan City Jail

This facility was cited and found out of compliance by the Board during the September 23, 2016 meeting. The facility was cited for non-compliance on issues related to completion of initial training. Staff that have not completed the initial training are currently registered to attend initial training in January. No action by the Board was necessary.

Evans stated that the training is in the works and the Board will be updated at the next meeting.

Superior City Jail

This facility was cited and found out of compliance by the Board during the July 31, 2015 meeting. The facility was cited for non-compliance on the submission of

computerized admission and release documentation. A corrective action plan is being developed to provide for this data entry. This facility is currently engaged with the Crime Commission and JAMIN to obtain a JAMIN computer for their facility.

Evans stated that they are ready and just waiting for the City Council to take the final actions.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Waiver of Training Request – Warren Allen Walking Eagle – Cherry County

There was a discussion regarding how long a person could be gone from corrections and still have their training recognized to obtain a waiver. Historically it's been anything more than 2 years requires a refresher course, and anything more than 10 years requires repeating the entire course. Evans stated that Walking Eagle has been out of jail corrections more than the 10 year limit, but did work in probation within that time.

Evans stated that Grand Island would be willing to work with Macomber in putting together a 3 day refresher course. Another option is working with Scottsbluff and their jail school that will be starting in January 2017, and including a 3 day refresher course.

Motion

A motion was made by Thurber and seconded by Johns to grant the waiver contingent on completing a 3-day refresher course, to be set up by the Chery County jail (working with Scottsbluff and Macomber) and completed by February 2017. Voting in favor of the motion: Johns, Pfeiffer, Stuckenholtz and Thurber. Voting against: Alexander, Peschong and Prenda (Motion Carried).

There was a brief discussion regarding whether the standards should be changed concerning requiring a 3 day refresher course as opposed to requiring completing the entire 2 week course.

B. Updates on Jail Construction and Planning

Evans gave updates on the following jail constructions and plans:

1. Boone County

   Evans stated that Boone County is working on an addition to the building which is more staff offices, as well as a change in the jail design for better observations of the inmates and video visitation.

2. Sarpy County

Evans reported Sarpy County is working with consultants regarding adding 200 beds.

3. Seward County

Evans reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony would be fall of 2017.

4. Thurston County

Evans stated this is new facility and would be a 36 bed jail and is projected to be open in the summer of 2017.

5. Webster County

Evans reported that the design was still being discussed.

Jim Van Winkle, Cherry County Commissioner welcomed the Board and invited them to a tour of the Cherry County Jail.

VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Jail Standards Board is scheduled for **9:00 AM on Friday, January 27, 2017**, in Conference Room A, Lower Level, State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Harvat declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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