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LYCOMING COUNTY PRISON BOARD SPECIAL MEETING - MINUTES | PUBLIC MEETING Friday, March 22, 2024

Voting Members Present:

Commissioner Scott Metzger Commissioner Marc Sortman Commissioner Mark Mussina Sheriff Mark Lusk Controller Krista Rogers

Others Present:

Warden Brad Shoemaker; Deputy Warden Ryan Barnes; Deputy Warden Chris Ebner; Chief Deputy Eric Spiegel; Brian Bluth, Solicitor; Director Matt McDermott; and Jill Schriner.

- **1.0** Special Prison Board Meeting called to Order by Sheriff Lusk. Meeting conducted from the Commissioner's Board Room at the Executive Plaza, with optional teleconference.
 - **1.1** Meeting convened at 8:33 A.M.
 - 1.2 Meeting paused for Executive Session at 8:33 AM
- 2.0 <u>New Business</u>: The Prison Board reconvened at 8:49 AM to address the Sanctuary County status of Lycoming County, as identified by the Center for Immigration Studies.
 - 2.1 Sheriff Lusk deferred to Warden Shoemaker to explain the update. Warden Shoemaker explained the LCP procedure with ICE detainers and collaborating with ICE will be in accordance with the 3rd Circuit decision from 2014, *Galarza v. Szalczyk*, 745 F.3d 634 (3d Cir. 2014). Accordingly, LCP shall enforce each law mandate and request an order of the Federal Government relating to immigration so long as the law mandate request for order does no not conflict with the rights guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of PA, as interpreted by the courts. LCP shall provide a list of ICE inmates to Immigration and Customs Enforcement upon request

from ICE and in such a manner determined by the Warden. ICE will have access to those inmates while they are incarcerated, as deemed appropriate by the warden. LCP shall accept and register ICE detainers upon a commitment that is accompanied by a warrant or arrest accordingly. If new pending charges exist, the ICE detainer will be kept in the file for the purpose of notifying ICE before the inmate releases from the existing charges. LCP shall communicate with ICE to provide as much notice of release or transfer as possible. As a general rule, LCP will contact ICE concerning a release within 2 hours of the release. The inmate should not be held more than 2 hours pending the release, to allow local field officers custody of the inmate pursuit to the authority of the ICE detainer. If there is no response from ICE with 2 hours of the notification, the inmate will release pursuit to criminal procedure.

- **2.2** Commissioner Sortman acknowledged Warden Shoemaker for his quick response to this issue, for addressing the issue brought to the commissioners, and for properly organizing the issue. Sheriff Lusk added acknowledgment for the Wardens sufficiency.
- 3.0 Adjournment of Prison Board Meeting: Agenda items completed; meeting closed at 8:52
 AM.

Utilize the following link to view this special public meeting in real time: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEk9_N5_Q_w&ab_channel=LycomingCountyGovernment_

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