

JUVENILE DETENTION BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2014 9:30 a.m.

Board members present: Sheriff 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 19, 2014 meeting was made by Sheriff Held, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

Director Rich Gordon gave the Director's Report.

According to Department of Public Welfare financial guidelines, Act 148 dollars cannot be obtained for Youthful Offenders. JDCAP will be presenting a platform for a legislative change to the Juvenile Act to CCAP. The proposed change will enable facilities to receive Act 148 dollars for youthful offenders. Act 148 dollars could possibly be used when dealing with blended sentencing, which means being charged partly as an adult and partly as a juvenile. JDCAP will be presenting a platform for such a legislative change to the Juvenile Act to CCAP.

Total admissions for January 31, 2014 to June 30, 2014 was 109 residents, 16 of those were out of county. The average daily population was 9 out of 12. There were 20 incident reports and 8 of them were due to one resident.

On July 17, 2014 SPHS ended all services as they were unable to maintain their current staff, and are simply maintaining services previously provided for 1 resident. We are in the process of obtaining another Psychiatrist and/or a clinic to provide needed services.

Human resources and Juvenile detention shelter are proposing to Salary Board a need for 12 casual staff. This will enable the facility to function more efficiently and effectively with staffing and associated costs.

Juvenile Detention will be putting out a bid to repair doors, locks, and cylinders. Money was included in 2014 budget for this project.

Director Rich Gordon has applied for a State License waiver for PREA compliance to be audited in 2015. Director Gordon doesn't believe he will be able to be ready for a PREA audit in 2014 as the process is very long and tedious. Currently only Bucks County Youth Center in Pennsylvania has gone through and passed the audit. With our membership in JDCAP, a contractual memorandum of understanding with an auditor will aid in lowering our audit costs.

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