

Elk County Prison Board
May 17, 2024

The Elk County Prison Board met in a special session immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Salary Board meeting in the Thomas G. Wagner Conference room at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Prison Board members present were Commissioners Matthew Quesenberry, M. Fritz Lecker and Greg Gebauer, Treasurer Matthew Frey, and Sheriff Todd Caltagaron. Also present were Warden Scott Atwell, Chief Clerk Pat Straub, Commissioner's Office Administrator Emily Anders, IT Assistant Dan Rimer, and Recording Secretary Jennifer Barnett. Absent from the meeting was District Attorney Beau Grove and Solicitor Rick Brown.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – No Additions

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Sheriff Todd Caltagaron and seconded by Commissioner M. Fritz Lecker. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

No visitors were present.

BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Temporary Acting Deputy Warden

Commissioner Matthew Quesenberry stated due to the temporary absence of current Deputy Warden Aaron Nicklas, it has become necessary for the Elk County Prison Board to appoint a temporary acting Deputy Warden. He explained it would be for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of approval. Warden Scott Atwell was then asked by Commissioner Quesenberry if he had a candidate in mind that he would want to suggest to the Prison Board for consideration. Warden Atwell said he would like the Prison Board to consider his request to appoint Corrections Officer Rodney Constable as the temporary acting Deputy Warden. C.O. Constable has approximately 30 years of service to the county and has the best interest of the prison, staff and the population we serve. Commissioner Greg Gebauer wanted to clarify that C.O. Constable will be working a seven-hour day as the temporary acting Deputy Warden as opposed to his normal eight-hour day as a correctional officer.

A motion to appoint C.O. Rodney Constable as the temporary full-time acting Deputy Warden of the Elk County Prison effective on or about May 28, 2024, was made by Sheriff Todd Caltagaron and seconded by Treasurer Matthew Frey. The motion carried unanimously.

Due to C.O. Constable being unavailable until May 28, 2024, Senior Sergeant Brian Mattiuz will be receiving \$130.00 per week of on-call pay to support Warden Atwell until C.O. Constable can assume the duties of temporary acting Deputy Warden.

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GOOD OF THE COUNTY

The Commissioners of Elk County issued letters of commendation to several prison staff members for their willingness to act decisively and selflessly in a moment of crisis in response to an incident at the prison in April. Their swift response and commitment to the well-being of others exemplified the highest standards of professionalism and human decency. The bravery and compassion displayed in such a challenging situation are commendable and deserve recognition.

ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business before the Elk County Prison Board a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner M. Fritz Lecker and seconded by Commissioner Greg Gebauer. The motion passed unanimously.