

Town of Mansfield
Dept. of Correction
Public Safety Committee
Oct. 15, 2008

Adopted Minutes

Present: S. Thomas, J. Kodzis, R. Gergler, C. Paulus, W. Solenski,
R. Pellegrine,
R. Blicher, A. Barbaret, G. Cole, Deputy Warden Kearney, Counselor
Sear, and W. Stauder (chair)

The meeting came to order at 3:03 PM.

The minutes of the last meeting, July 16, 2008, were approved as presented.

The committee reviewed the lists of offenses from July through September.

Deputy Warden Kearney gave the population status report. There are currently 1061 inmates at Bergin and 129 of them live in overflow housing in the day rooms. The committee questioned this count, why is it so high? And Mr. Kearney said this number is seasonal. Is there enough staff to deal with extra inmates?

Tom explained the staffing and how the beds were added (6 beds = 12 units) There can be 38 inmates in an overflow day room. Inmates like it because it is quieter. During 2 years of overflow population, there have only been 7 incidents. At Bergin after a stay of 60 days, an inmate may be released, if all goes well.

The committee wants to hear the information Maria Capriola has found out about the cap.

In further staffing news, Bergin is short 4 counselors.

Volunteer programs are running well, NA < AA < Religion < Music. The Community outreach program is running well. 80 men go out. A crew went to Renschler Field.

There will be a GED graduation on Nov. 14.

The staff participated in a fund raiser for Special Olympics by serving as waiters at Chucks Steak House.

New security screens have been installed in the buildings. The razor wire is still on order.

The committee approved the 2009 meeting schedule.

Motion to approve, Chris Paulus. Seconded George Cole Passes. No abstentions.

The committee discussed appointments to the committee. Those present wanted to be reappointed. Ray Gergler does not want to continue. The resident state trooper wanted to be appointed too.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Wunderley Stauder

