

Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution
Community Relations Board Meeting
Prairie du Chien City Hall
Thursday, July 12, 2018

Present:

Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution (PDCI) : Tim Haines-Warden, Kevin Semanko-Deputy Warden, Carrie Sutter-Management Services Director, Chad Cline-Education Director, Terry Yanske, Building and Grounds Supervisor, Judy Lange-Warden's Secretary

Community Members: Linda Munson-Chairperson, Chad Abram-Prairie du Chien City and Police Department, Jim Hackett-Crawford County Emergency Management and Sheriff Department, Robert Smith-Campion High School Class of '68

Opening: Linda Munson opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTED BY</u>	
Institution Updates	Warden Haines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PDCI Deputy Warden position has been filled by Mr. Semanko, creating a new vacancy (Security Director). It was a long process and a great candidate was selected. • An article about the project crew will be coming out in the Courier Press in the near future. In addition to other projects, they assist the CAP office. • A UFO was reported near the institution last weekend. It is assumed it was a drone. A search of the area near the area was conducted but nothing was located. • La Crosse will be the location for the annual West Central Wardens & Superintendents Conference in September. Warden Haines is president this year and therefore is in charge of planning the conference. • Earlier this spring, there was a person near the railroad tracks who appeared to be unstable. The police department was contacted and they handled the situation. It is good to be able to work together when these situations arise.
	CMSD Sutter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A job fair for institution staff and the general public was held on July 10 at PDCI. PDCI has several vacancies and it is anticipated some of them will be filled through this process. It is helpful to make the public aware of the requirements needed when applying for a state position. Staff were available to discuss vacancies, answer questions and help create accounts.
	Mr. Yanske	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The institution camera system is in the process of being upgraded. It is a \$30,000 project for the basic system. • Several outdoor lights are being replaced with LED lighting which will help save money and they produce a brighter light.
	Mr. Cline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A graduation ceremony we held in June for 50-60 inmates earning various types of certificates, including GED/HSED; Microsoft Computer; Masonry and bricklaying; Woodworking and Welding. We partnered with Southwest Technical College to provide a welding program. The inmates who completed the welding program have been able to get good paying jobs shortly

		<p>after release. There are several success stories for the Bricklaying program. SWTC stopped the program a few years ago. Certification for bricklaying can only be acquired while in a correctional institution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is two positions short, one teacher and one guidance counselor (vacant for 2 years).
	DW Semanko	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detective Erickson has been very responsive and helpful when assistance is needed at PDCI. We appreciate the good relationship we have developed .
Roundtable Discussion		
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	Ms. Munson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Munson welcomed the group to City Hall and offered a tour of the library, which is under construction. Due to time constraints the tour was not taken, however the next meeting will be held in the library.
	Mr. Hackett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent jail inspection yielded good results. A camera upgrade has been installed; it is a big improvement. The administration building can view the jail through the new system. • As for the Sheriff Department, things are going well. A School Resource Officer has been hired for several surrounding schools; Prairie du Chien schools are not included. • Emergency Management appreciates PDCI's assistance with filling sand bags when needed. The process has changed to only fill what is needed so the bags don't go to waste. • The storm policy now falls under Emergency Management duties. CodeRED weather warning, a new system for storm notification is being implemented. Citizens can sign up online and the system will call or send an email or text notifying them of weather warnings.
	Mr. Abram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The construction project on Marquette Road is progressing nicely; Phase 2A may start earlier than anticipated and then it will move into Phase 3. A meeting will be held with PDCI staff next week to discuss the transfer to the new water piping and how it will affect PDCI. • The Michigan Street upgrade is on track. • New staff include a person to work in the water treatment plant, a part time police officer and a Chaplain. • A pet park is being built near the sewer plant. Fencing will be installed when money becomes available, probably in 2019. • This coming weekend there will be a block party on Friday night in the downtown area and fireworks on Saturday night. Come out and enjoy. • The radio repeater has been moved to the US Cellular tower which has provided much better reception, particularly in the area near the high school. • Our long-time receptionist, Patty was selected as employee of the year. It was voted on by all staff so it is quite an honor. • Active shooter training will be provided at all three schools this fall. A walk-through was completed revealing

		<p>several areas that need to be addressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The catholic school was awarded a \$30,000 grant from DOJ. • The property at Main and Blackhawk is being developed.
	Mr. Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Smith provided contact information for a non-profit organization (Friends of the Wetlands) who could use some bluebird houses. The plans for the houses have already been provided to PDCI and Mr. Smith will be purchasing the materials from a local lumber company.
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Next CRB Meeting		The next CRB meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at Prairie du Chien Library.
		The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.