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LYCOMING COUNTY PRISON BOARD
MEETING MINUTES | PUBLIC MEETING
Friday, September 11, 2026

Voting Members Present:

Commissioner Scott Metzger
Commissioner Mark Mussina
Commissioner Marc Sortman
Controller Nicki Gottschall
District Attorney Thomas Marino
Sheriff Eric Spiegel

Others Present:

Stephen Hartley, Solicitor; Brad Shoemaker, Warden; Erick Fortin, Deputy Warden; Ryan Barnes, Deputy Warden of Security & Operations; Robert Thompson, Pre-Release Center Manager; Shannon Barnes, Director of Management of Operations; Tony Cooper and Lynelle Cromley.

1.0 Regularly Scheduled Prison Board Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Scott Metzger.

- 1.1 Meeting convened at 8:32 A.M.
- 1.2 Approval of Minutes: Nicki Gottschall motioned for approval of September 2026 meeting minutes. Thomas Marino seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- 1.3 Public Comment (Agenda Items Only) – None

2.0 Expenditure Report:

- 2.1 Approval of Expenditure Report: Nicki Gottschall made a motioned for the approval Expenditure Report. Thomas Marino seconded the motion; the motion was carried.

3.0 Personnel Actions:

3.1 Thomas Marino made a motion to accept new hires; seconded by Nicki Gottschall, the motion was carried.

- Cole Sheppard, Full-Time Correctional Officer – Relief
- Brandon Barrett, Full-Time Correctional Officer – Relief
- Maverick Harding, Full-Time Correctional Officer - Relief
- Debra Lestoric, Full-Time Correctional Officer – Relief
- Hallie Marriott, Pre-Release Counselor, Full-Time
- Gillian McLean, Licensed Practical Nurse, Part-Time

4.0 Informational Reports/Highlights: Warden Shoemaker reviewed the August Prison Reports as follows:

4.1 Population:

- Males in blocks averaged 204.94; males in PRC averaged 49.55; the total average daily population of males equaled 256.48, with a peak of 268.00.
- Females in blocks averaged 27.97; females in PRC averaged 21.42, the total average daily population of females equaled 49.39, with a peak of 56.00.
- The combined average daily population of male/female population equaled 305.87, with a peak of 314.00.
- In-Home detention averaged 0.00 males and 0.00 females.
- With no overcrowding transfer population, the total average daily population was equal to the monthly average daily population of 305.87.

4.2 Prison Disciplinary Hearings conducted and chaired by Warden Shoemaker:

- Of 59 hearings conducted for 38 inmates, 12 inmates had more than one incident. 56 hearings resulted in guilty lock-ups; 1 hearing resulted in guilty lock-up with time suspended; 2 inmates were found not guilty; and, staff generated 11 informational reports.

4.3 Pre-Release

Work Release males equaled 0 and females equaled 0.

- Work crew males equaled 36 and work crew females equaled 18.
- The monthly average for males at the Pre-Release Center equaled 14 and females equaled 3. The year-to-date average equaled 47 males and 17 females.

4.4 Mental Health Snapshot taken on September 8, 2026:

- Of 333 total inmates in the prison system, 287 males and 46 females were categorized as follows.
- 98 males and 5 females made up Roster A, those who had no mental health history, which equated to 30.93% of the population.
- 71 males and 12 females made up Roster B, those who had past mental health history but no active symptoms in the last year, which equated to 24.927% of the population.
- 105 males and 25 females made up Roster C, those who had current mental health issues, which equated to 39.04% of the population.
- 13 males and 4 females made up Roster D, those who were determined to have serious mental illness, which equated to 5.11% of the population.

4.5 Psychotropic Medication at PRC:

- Of 45 male Work Crew inmates, 14 were on psychotropic medications. Of 11 male Work Release inmates, 3 were on psychotropic medications. Total medicated males at PRC equaled 30.36%.
- Of 15 female Work Crew inmates, 3 were on psychotropic medications. Of 4 females Work Release, 3 was on psychotropic medications. Total medicated females at PRC equaled 73.68%.
- Psychotropic Medication at LCP: Of 210 males overall, 84 (40.00%) were on psychotropic medications. Of 22 females overall, 13 (59.09%) were on psychotropic medications.

- Total Medicated Inmates within the Prison System: Overall, PRC averaged 41.33% medicated inmates. LCP averaged 41.81% medicated inmates. The total average percentage equaled 41.69% medicated inmates in the prison system.

4.6 Informational Highlights

- On various dates in August 2026, prison staff participated in Advanced Firearms Training conducted by Chief Firearms Instructor Lt. Josh Rogers.
- On August 13, 2026, prison staff participated in Taser Training conducted by Sgt. Mark Stetts.

5.0 Old Business: None

6.0 New Business: None

7.0 Board Comment: None

8.0 Public Comment: Tony Cooper discussed providing nutritional food at the prison.

9.0 Upcoming Prison Board Meeting Time/Locations: Prison Board meetings will be held as follows:

- 10/09/26: 8:30 a.m. @ Third Street Plaza - Commissioners Board Room
- 11/13/26: 8:30 a.m. @ Third Street Plaza – Commissioners Board Room
- 12/11/26: 8:30 a.m. @ Prison

11.0 Adjournment of Prison Board Meeting: With agenda items completed, the meeting closed at 8:50 a.m. by Commissioner Scott Metzger.


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Prison Board Secretary