

MINUTES

Jail Board of Visitors

November 20, 2024, | Meeting called to order by Colleen Hilton

In Attendance

Colleen Hilton, Sheriff Kevin Joyce, Chief Deputy Pellerin, Major Timothy Kortes, Kyle Manahan, William Baker, Karen White, Chris Bisson, Kylie Wilkens, Morgan Womack and Melissa Kercado

Welcome and Introductions

Colleen Hilton started the meeting, during which all guests introduced themselves and provided a short narrative of their experiences and interests as Jail Board of Visitors members.

Jail Tour

Sergeant Shawn Morrisette led the group on a tour of the Jail facility. During the tour, we encountered a group of Women as they headed to the Gym for Yoga. They expressed their appreciation for the program. Sergeant Morrisette took the group to the Kitchen. Melanie Therault (Kitchen) explained how dietary needs are addressed for the inmates. We also visited the different PODS and resources provided to the inmates.

Federal Inmates

After the tour was completed, Sergeant Morrisette presented the group with the impact having Federal and Immigration (ICE) Inmates has on the facility. He offered specific details on this population and how it is managed.

Medical

Kyle Manahan (Armor) discussed how mental health strategies continue to evolve and proposed new ways to assist inmates with their health needs. He also discussed how the latest electronic medical record system has improved the medical staff's workflow.

Audits

Chris Bisson discussed the most recent Immigration (ICE) and PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) both audits were conducted in September 2024. Chris Bisson provided the Board with the process of each Audit. He also explained the importance of record keeping and how the staff is expected to adhere to a high standard.

Next Meeting

2/19/2025 from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Jail Conference room.

We will discuss how the Correction Officers deal with stress and mental health while on the job.

Also, what kind of assistance the county is providing to address the wellness of the staff.