

# Prison Oversight Committee

## Meeting Minutes

### minutes

**Present:** Jerry Ford, Ken Buckmaster, Gary Claridy, Shane Burton, Mary Baker, David Nollner, Bubba Gregory, Mayor Stephen Chambers, Warden Russell Washburn.

**Next Meeting:** January 10, 2019

### 1. Open Meeting

Jerry Ford opened the meeting at 6:17 P.M. and expressed appreciation of everyone in attendance and advised that the first order of business was to elect officers for this committee.

### 2. Officer Nominations / Elections

Shane Burton made a motion for Jerry Ford to be Chairman of the Committee. Seconded by Ken Buckmaster.

MOTION CARRIED

Gary Claridy made a motion for David Nollner to be Vice Chairman of the Committee. Seconded by Bubba Gregory.

MOTION CARRIED

Gary Claridy made a motion for Mary Ann Baker to be Secretary. Seconded by Shane Burton.

MOTION CARRIED

### 3. Trosdale Turner Correctional Center Update

Warden Washburn gave the following report to the committee.

- They had changed shift hours for the employees at the center from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. to 6A.M. to 6 P.M. which had reduced call ins by 50%.
- The facility had 123 full time correctional officers which is the highest number of filled positions to date with only 18-19 actual vacancies.
- The facility will be audited by TDOC and ACA in October and anticipate positive results.
- Some of the inmates are taking the pre-GED test.
- June of this year CCA took over the Medical Department of the facility instead of the contracting those services out and have seen positive results.

Chairman Ford thanked Warden Washburn and asked if anyone had any questions, Chris Gregory with the Vidette asked how they were combating the Gang activity at the facility and Warden Washburn replied that he has an officer working on it and the facilities numbers are lower than the national average.

Commissioner Dwight Jewell asked to be put on this committee as he had been involved with the prison before construction even began. Chairman Ford replied that he would take int under advisement and explained that some of the committee assignments would be changed within the next month and would like for this committee to meet quarterly.

Warden Washburn advised that housing for staff had been an issue ibn the past but has improved. Chairman Ford asked about the number of visitors the facility received and Warden Washburn replied they have visitation on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday with typically 100 visitors on the weekends and less on the weekdays.

**4. ADJOURN**

David Nollner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Shane Burton.

MOTION CARRIED