

# Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio

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**STRYKER** – With positive community feedback coming in, the Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio voted to continue working with the Ohio Department of Transportation for an additional two years on cleaning up the roadways. “Just the other day a local citizen had called to compliment the job our staff and inmates do on cleaning up the trash alongside the road,” commented Dennis Sullivan, CCNO’s Executive Director. “It’s a service that’s really appreciated.”

Several honorable actions were mentioned at today’s meeting at the regional jail in Stryker. Three staff members (John Pannell, Kathryn Ginter, and Alex Michael) were awarded for performing CPR/AED on an inmate in mid-March. “It’s our job to keep the inmates safe, and we’ll do whatever we have to do to make sure they stay alive in that situation,” stated Ms. Ginter. TeLori Austin was named the February Employee of the Month for discovering a hidden syringe during a new book-in search. The March Employee of the Month, Brian Brenner, successfully stopped a suicidal inmate.

The commission approved routine fiscal reports, a capital purchase for a water pipe, and allowed for the application of two grants. Contracts for IT services, liability insurance, and a fiscal audit were also approved.

The board met in executive session for 23 minutes regarding security arrangements. Upon returning to open session, a committee was created for further consideration of those security details.

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