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# Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio

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**STRYKER** – The board for the Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio learned at today’s meeting that their daily per diem for 2020 was dropping \$0.93, to \$71.75 per inmate per day. Such a significant decrease will hugely benefit the five member jurisdictions and their taxpayers. Commission members credited Dennis Sullivan, Tonya Justus, and other executive staff with progressive foresight and smart contractual decisions which have helped the jail stabilize finances and plan for the future.

After meeting in executive session for 17 minutes regarding details relative to security arrangements, the commission directed jail staff to pursue Requests for Proposals for a RFID system. The director explained that the system is used for real-time tracking of inmate movement and facility operations, “This technology will allow CCNO to get away from handwritten logbooks.”

Director Sullivan told members that inmate mail scanning has been halted due to technological issues with the service provider, GTL. He stated that originally the scanning was working, but somewhere in the process the facility began to encounter several glitches. Inmates have been getting physical mail for nearly a month; he added that jail staff is working diligently with GTL to resolve the problem and it’s expected to have a solution within a few weeks.

The Williams County Health Department (WCHD) received a thanks from the jail for their assistance with providing hepatitis A vaccines to inmates and staff. Several months ago there was a concern regarding a potential outbreak of the infection in correctional populations, and the WCHD has administered 874 injections at CCNO since November 2018.

Executive Director Dennis Sullivan honored Employees of the Month for August and September. Tony Bush from Williams County received the August award for finding drugs in an

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Intake cell during a search which prevented them from getting into the units. The September winner was Andrew Gallardo, also Williams County, who successfully prevented a suicidal inmate from jumping off a second tier.

The board approved a sallyport concrete project as well as the replacement of several roof sections and three fixes to the water tower.

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