

Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio

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STRYKER – In an effort to attract and retain corrections officers, members of the Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio approved incentive pay for hourly security staff.

CCNO Director Dennis Sullivan recommended the action following Wednesday's board meeting. Under the proposal, hourly security staff would receive a \$500 incentive paid in August and a second \$500 incentive pay in December for remaining on the job. The cost is covered under the current operating budget.

In other business, board members approved a policy for public participation at CCNO meetings. It was noted that most boards have such a protocol in place in the event a person wishes to participate or comment during the board meeting. The policy was reviewed and recommended by the Financial Overview Committee.

The inmate population for Wednesday stood at 636. It was noted that February's population averaged 641 with the March population averaging 640.

Roof repairs at the CCNO facility have been completed while repairs to an exterior recreational wall are almost complete. Repaving the parking lot will be the next project.

Members approved out of state travel for four members of the security special response team to attend mock prison riot training at a cost of \$1,100.

Members met in executive session for about an hour to discuss union negotiations and security related matters. In open session, members approved the incentive plan for hourly security staff.

Two minutes later, the board went back into executive session for about an hour to discuss possible investigation of a public employee. In open session, board members voted to place CCNO Executive Director Jim Dennis on administrative leave pending an internal investigation. Board members also authorized CCNO's legal attorney to retain an investigator.

In order to protect the integrity of the investigation, no further information is available.

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Dennis Sullivan, Director of Security and Operations, will serve as acting executive director. Brian Davis continues as CCNO Board chairman. Mr. Dennis has been employed as CCNO Executive Director since April 1993.