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**Bechtold to Lead Franklin County Jail**

March 5, 2015 - CHAMBERSBURG, PA – At their meeting this morning, Prison Board appointed Bill Bechtold as the warden of Franklin County Jail. “Mr. Bechtold brings a wealth of corrections knowledge and experience,” stated Prison Board Chairman and Commissioner Bob Thomas, “He will do great things here at Franklin County.”



**Bill Bechtold will begin as  
Franklin County Jail  
Warden in April.**

Since beginning his corrections career with the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a Correctional Officer at FCI Danbury almost 30 years ago, he has held a number of leadership and line staff positions. Prior to his Bureau career, Mr. Bechtold served four years in the United States Coast Guard as an Aviation Electronics Technician and Search and Rescue Air Crewmen.

Bill Bechtold is currently serving as one of the Wardens at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) in Coleman, Florida, the nation's largest federal complex. Warden Bechtold will be retiring from his position as the Chief Executive Officer over the Low Security Component of the complex prior to becoming the Warden for Franklin County on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Warden Bechtold's philosophies regarding the interconnectedness of security and treatment programming for inmates and the emphasis he has placed on successful re-entry into the community is a perfect fit with the philosophy and priorities of Franklin County. At his current facility,

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Warden Bechtold oversees unit based programs that have the same focus as many programs here at Franklin County Jail, including GED preparation and anger management, as well as addictions and trauma treatment. In addition, FCC Coleman incorporates cognitive-behavior treatment into their programming, a strategy that is proven to reduce recidivism among offenders and that is used at both the Jail and the Day Reporting Center.

Mr. Bechtold is also adept at addressing needs he sees in the community and identifying ways he can be part of a collaborative solution. He is the current Executive Assistant Director for the West Central Florida Gang Task Force, a team that developed processes to quickly and effectively communicate information between local, state and federal stakeholders for identifying and tracking known gang members. His skills as a successful team member with community collaborations will be of great value to our existing Criminal Justice Advisory Board as well as future endeavors. Under Mr. Bechtold's leadership we plan to revisit our Jail Industries program and other potential community partnerships.

Mr. Bechtold is a native of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and he and his wife Marcie have two children. Bill states he is, "excited about returning to Pennsylvania and working with a great team."

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