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**To:** All Staff and Inmates  
**From:** Melanie Gordon, Deputy Warden of Operations  
**Date:** June 23, 2016  
**Re:** Phone call rates

Due to a recent ruling by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), most jails and prisons in the United States were required to change the structure of how phone call rates are charged. Areas of the phone rates like connection fees, rates per minute, and commissions to the facilities were affected.

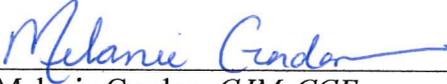
Centre County Correctional Facility has amended its agreement with phone provider Global Tel-Link (GTL) to meet these standards, so there will be noticeable changes in the local and Intralata (within a designated region) in state phone calls.

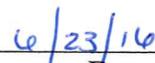
There is no longer an immediate connection flat fee charged; all rates are per minute that is used on the call. Previously, a local call cost the same amount whether the call was less than a minute, or the full 15 allowed. Now, a phone call of only a few minutes will cost less than one for the full 15 minutes.

The in state call rate with GTL has been set to 18.5¢ per minute plus any federal, state, and local taxes and fees. With the current taxes, an estimate of 21¢ will be very close to the amount charged to the account.

In addition to the calling rate changes, Centre County Correctional Facility will no longer be collecting commissions from the use of facility phones. Friends and family members will also find that service fees charged by GTL to place money on an inmate's account by phone have been reduced.

These changes have taken effect within the facility.

  
Melanie Gordon, CJM, CCE

  
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