

Westmoreland County
Prison Board
January 9, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Kopas, Commissioner Courtney, District Attorney Peck, Sheriff Jonathan Held and Controller Jeff Balzer.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Anderson.

Commissioner Anderson asked the board to consider naming a chairman of the Prison Board. Commissioner Courtney made a motion to name Sheriff Jonathan Held as Chairman of the Prison Board, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2011 was made by Commissioner Kopas, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous

Bruno Mediate gave the Adult Probation/Parole Quarterly Report.

On Dec. 5, 2011 a surprise search and drug testing was done at the Day Reporting Center at SPHS on Maple Avenue in Greensburg. 25 of Adult Probation staff were there to conduct the searches and as a result 26 paroles were incarcerated. No drugs were found and no one was charged with selling of drugs. 21 inmates tested positive, 1 had paraphernalia, 3 were charged for bringing urine in to the center, and 4 were charged for not reporting as scheduled. There are currently 81 people in the program and no new people have been added to the program until new procedures are put in place.

There are still 81 people in the program but no new people have been admitted in to the program. More staff has since been assigned to the program.

The population of the prison today is 525 in-house, 534 total. The average population for December 2011 was 518 in-house and 526 totals. This compares to December of 2010 when the average was 493 in-house and 512 total.

Average length of stay for December 2011 is 49.89 days as compared to December 2010 which was 47.43 days. There were no rentals billed in December 2011. The year to date total is \$ 29,366.00.

In December, 90 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 9 were performed by Judge Pezze, 14 by Judge Hathaway, 6 by Judge Blahovec, 36 by Judge Bell, and 20 bench warrants were performed by Domestic Relations. In addition, 3 out of county and 2 U.S. Government bench warrants were also performed.

Naphcare reported no cases of MRSA and no cases of staph infection in the month of December, 2011. Nutrition Incorporated reported that the December 2011 cost per meal was \$ 1.22 compared to \$.99 in December 2010.

The Contractual Agreement with Naphcare that was due to expire on December 31, 2011 was extended for an additional one year period beginning January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2012. There will be an RFP issued soon by the County to all health care vendors seeking someone to perform medical services at the Westmoreland County Prison. Naphcare plans on responding to the RFP.

Sheriff Held made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to reconvene in public session, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the resignation of probationary part time corrections officer Ashley Horan, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to revoke the appointment of Lieutenant Randy Shipley, seconded by Sheriff Held. Unanimous.

Sheriff Held acknowledged receipt of a letter from President Judge Gary P. Caruso stating that as his predecessors, he will be deleting his judge position from the Board of Inspectors of the County Jail.

Commissioner Courtney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.