# Westmoreland County
# Prison Board
# September 10, 2012
# Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2012 was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous

The population of the prison today is 610 in-house, 622 total. The average population for August 2012 was 573 in-house and 593 total. This compares to August of 2011 when the average was 518 in-house and 532 total.

Average length of stay for August 2012 is 19.99 days as compared to August 2011 which was 19.88 days. There were no rentals billed in August 2012. The year to date total is $17,330.50.

In August, 118 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 35 were performed by Judge Pezze, 6 by Judge Hathaway, 33 by Judge Bell, and 35 bench warrants were performed by Domestic Relations. In addition, 9 out of county bench warrants were served.

Wexford reported no cases of MRSA and no cases of staph infection in the month of August 2012.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the August 2012 cost per meal was $ .99 compared to $ .99 in August 2011.

Magisterial District Judge Joseph Demarchis, President of Westmoreland County District Judge's Association requested that the County Prison Day Court operation be extended to 4:00 PM every day. Those extra 2 hours would help MDJS to dispose of existing cases more expediently.

Another overload switch has been ordered from Puerto Rico. One switch came but it didn't work. This should complete the repairs for the electric system by Industrial Electric Corporation.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to go into executive session, to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

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

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to terminate full time correction officer Jason Williams, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

District Attorney Peck made a motion to terminate full time correction officer Matt Whittaker, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.  Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to terminate full time corrections officer Cammy Keener, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.  Unanimous.

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