

**Westmoreland County  
Prison Board  
April 8, 2013  
Meeting Minutes**

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

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013 was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous

Bruno Mediate gave the Adult Probation/Parole Quarterly Report. Bruno introduced Louisa Wotus as the intermediate punishment supervisor.

The population of the prison today is 552 in-house, 576 total. The average population for March 2013 was 552 in-house and 576 total. This compares to March of 2012 when the average was 537 in-house and 554 total.

Average length of stay for March 2013 is 33.32 days as compared to March 2012 which was 33.75 days. There were no rentals billed in March 2013.

In March, 83 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 39 were performed by Judge Pezze, 8 by Judge Hathaway, 2 by Judge Blahovec, and 27 bench warrants were performed by Domestic Relations. In addition, 7 out of county bench warrants were served.

Wexford reported four cases of MRSA, two cases of staph infections, and one case of e coli in the month of March 2013.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the March 2013 cost per meal was \$.99 compared to \$ 1.00 in March 2012.

Deputy Supervisor Hyde from SCI Greensburg answered the Board's questions concerning employment of Westmoreland County prisoners at various non profit state or county agencies performing work formerly done by prisoners at SCI Greensburg.

The Warden reported that he had arranged for SCI Somerset, Laurel Highlands, and Washington County jails can be utilized as backups in the event of an emergency evacuation at our jail.

The Warden received \$85,215.00 from Act 81 which reimburses county jails that house offenders with sentences of a year or more.

The ACLU has requested that Westmoreland County draft a policy concerning the medical needs of pregnant inmates and the provision for abortion services. Westmoreland County's obligation to provide access to abortion services for incarcerated women is defined under the law. Notably the county must pay for an abortion if the woman cannot afford to do so.

The additional psychiatric medical doctor visits continue to have a good outcome.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Courtney. Unanimous.

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

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