

**Westmoreland County  
Prison Board  
May 13, 2013  
Meeting Minutes**

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

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

Public comments were made by two corrections officers representing the United Mine Workers Union. C.O. Casey Mullooly and C.O. Don Svetkovich addressed the Board on a variety of issues that were of concern to the union membership.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 566 in-house, 586 total. The average population for April 2013 was 560 in-house and 584 total. This compares to April of 2012 when the average was 521 in-house and 551 total.

Average length of stay for April 2013 is 36.88 days as compared to April 2012 which was 37.78 days. There were no rentals billed in April 2013.

In April, 73 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 14 were performed by Judge Pezze, 8 by Judge Hathaway, 2 by Judge Blahovec, 1 by Judge Bell and 37 bench warrants were performed by Domestic Relations. In addition, 11 out of county bench warrants were served.

Wexford reported two cases of MRSA and two cases of staph infections.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the April 2013 cost per meal was \$.96 compared to \$ 1.00 in April 2012.

The Warden presented information about an internet based collection site "Pay my Jailer" ([www.paymyjailer.com](http://www.paymyjailer.com)). There is no cost for this service as the fees are paid by the former detainee. Fayette County is currently using this site to collect monies owed to them from inmates.

S.E.R.T training was instituted two years ago. The Warden is very proud of how well the officers have done. Twenty officers participated for two days recently and did very well. The officers paid for their own room and board for the two days.

Kristin Malie had a meeting with Washington County Prison officials concerning the employment of Westmoreland County prisoners at various non profit state or county agencies, performing work formerly done by SCI Greensburg. Currently in Washington County a judge furloughs the prisoners so they can go out and perform these jobs.

Mark Gesalman has issued a letter to the ACLU stating that matters of abortion in addition to all other medical services are provided to inmates pursuant to policies established by the contracted Medical Services Provider, Wexford Health Sources Inc. Policies for Care of the Pregnant Inmate and Pregnancy Counseling were instituted after Wexford Health Sources assumed responsibility for all medical services at Westmoreland County Prison on May 1, 2012.

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

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

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the immediate resignation of part time corrections officer Helen Bowers and full time assistant records clerk, Amy Baker, on May 22, 2013 seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

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