Westmoreland County
Prison Board
August 19, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Commissioner Anderson, Sheriff Jonathan Held, and Controller Jeff Balzer. Commissioner Kopas was in attendance via telephone.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013 was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 572 in-house, 593 total. The average population for July 2013 was 585 in-house and 606 total. This compares to July of 2012 when the average was 546 in-house and 566 total.

Average length of stay for July 2013 is 42.03 days as compared to July 2012 which was 43.74 days. In July 2013 there were 343 commitments and 374 releases, compared to 314 commitments and 290 releases in July 2012. There were no rentals billed in July 2013.

In July, 66 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 2 were performed by Judge Pezze, 3 were performed by Judge Bell, 28 were performed by Judge Hathaway, and 23 bench warrants were performed by Domestic Relations. In addition, 10 out of county bench warrants were served.

Wexford reported two cases of MRSA.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the July 2013 cost per meal was $.93 compared to $ 1.00 in July 2012.

The Clerk of Courts has begun receiving the 20 per cent from inmate deposits to be used to pay the inmates fines and restitution. From July 8, 2013 to July 31, 2013, $6,967.99 was collected and was forwarded to the Clerk of Courts.

Meetings with the Teamsters concerning contract negotiations started on August 8, 2013 and another is scheduled for September 6, 2013. Their contract expires in December 2013.

Upon review of the contract with the "Pay my Jailer" (www.paymyjailer.com), we are waiting for clarification and a response from them concerning questions that Mark Gesalman had asked them.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to reconvene in public session, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to appoint the following part time corrections officers, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

Michael Demis	Mark Giaquinto	John Lissow	Aaron Ponzetti	Christina White
Michael Dugan	Joseph Greco	Ryan Mulac	Stephen Santia	Jeffrey Long

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to revoke the appointment of part time corrections officer Robert Jackson, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to revoke the appointment of part time corrections officer Michael Matt, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the retirement of Lieutenant Christopher Lowanse and Corrections Officer Donald Svetkovich, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

District Attorney Peck made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.