

Westmoreland County Prison Board
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2022

Members Present: Sheriff James Albert, Commissioner Sean Kertes, Commissioner Douglas Chew, Commissioner Gina Cerilli Thrasher, Controller Jeffrey Balzer and District Attorney Nicole Ziccarelli

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chew.

Announcement of Executive Session, held on February 16, 2022.
There was no public comment

Adult Probation/Parole Report submitted by Eric Leydig:

Detailing the monthly statistical data on the Electronic Monitoring Program, Pre-Trial Services and the Institutional Parole Officer events as of January 31, 2022.

There was 200 current number of offenders on Electronic Monitoring and 136 pending Electronic Monitoring cases. \$62,606.91 Intermediate Punishment Program fees were collected year to date. The current number of Active Pre-Trial Cases for Electronic Monitoring is 25 and 145 Non-Electronic Monitoring. Pre-Trial program fees collected year to date was \$1,891.82. The Institutional Parole Officer completed 3 parole applications and 19 Nominal Bond Investigations to date. Since January 1, 2022, 48 Drug and Alcohol evaluations have been completed at the Westmoreland County Prison. Of the 48 Drug and Alcohol evaluations, the Institutional Parole Officer coordinated the release of 47 inmates to treatment.

A motion to approve the Adult Probation/Parole Report was made by Controller Balzer, seconded by Commissioner Cerilli Thrasher. Unanimous.

Report from County Correctional Facility, Warden Kline:

The population of the prison today is 542 in-house, 639 total. The average population for January 2022 was 541 in-house and 633 total. This compares to January of 2021 when the average was 464 in-house and 509 total.

Average length of stay for January 2022 was 20 days as compared to January 2021 which was 21 days.

In January 2022, there were 286 commitments and 270 releases, compared to 204 commitments and 203 releases in January 2021. January commitments and releases increased respectively by 40.2% and 33.00%.

The rate of recidivism for January 2022 is 32.85% and 34.59% including the 48- & 72-hour detainers as compared to January 2021 which was 32.84% and 35.29% including the 48- & 72-hour detainers.

There were no Rentals collected in January 2022, totaling \$0.00. Locker Revenue collected in January 2022 was \$28.50. Fines collected in January 2022 for Clerk of Courts were \$8,502.50.

The Warden reported that \$0.00 has been collected for video conferencing for January 2022.

In January 2022, 257 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 4 were performed by Judge Silvis, 0 by Judge McCormick, 45 by Judge Bilik-Defazio, 49 by Judge Feliciani, 0 by Judge Stewart, 37 by Judge Mears, 3 by Judge Walsh, 75 by Judge Krieger, 21 by Domestic Relations, 2 by Judge Bononi, 0 by Social Security and 21 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 309 District Justice hearings were held.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the January 2022 cost per meal was \$1.28 compared to \$1.22 in January 2021.

For January 2022, we were below the cap by 89 inmates saving \$7,421.71.

46.50% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 44.34% last month. 69% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

Executive Session:

Controller Balzer made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Kertes. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kertes made a motion to reconvene in public session, seconded by Commissioner Cerilli Thrasher. Unanimous.

Meeting business, discussions, motions:

(A-1) Controller Balzer made a motion to hire Erik Brammell, Kalynn Campbell, Jacob Bracken and Sydney Murray as C/O, seconded by Commissioner Cerilli Thrasher. Unanimous.

(A-2) Controller Balzer made a motion to rescind the hiring of Richard Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Kertes. Unanimous.

(B) Controller Balzer made a motion to accept the job transfer of Peter Sexton, seconded by Commissioner Kertes. Unanimous.

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