

Westmoreland County Prison Board
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chew.

Opportunity for public comment: none presented

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022 meeting was made by Controller Balzer, seconded by Commissioner Kertes. Unanimous.

Report from Adult Probation/Parole Office, Eric Leydig:

Detailing the monthly statistical data on the Electronic Monitoring Program, Pre-Trial Services and the Institutional Parole Officer events as of April 25, 2022.

There was 188 current number of offenders on Electronic Monitoring and 143 pending Electronic Monitoring cases. \$117,491.12 Intermediate Punishment Program fees were collected year to date. The current number of Active Pre-Trial Cases for Electronic Monitoring is 25 and 147 Non-Electronic Monitoring. Pre-Trial program fees collected year to date was \$3,819.99. The Institutional Parole Officer completed 18 parole applications and 39 Nominal Bond Investigations to date. Since January 1, 2022, 155 Drug and Alcohol evaluations have been completed at the Westmoreland County Prison. Of the 155 Drug and Alcohol evaluations, the Institutional Parole Officer coordinated the release of 112 inmates to treatment.

A motion to accept 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 511 in-house, 616 total. The average population for March 2022 was 523 in-house and 627 total. This compares to March of 2021 when the average was 502 in-house and 540 total. For January thru March 2022 the average population was 532 in-house and 629 total compared to 484 in-house and 525 total in January thru March 2021.

Average length of stay for March 2022 was 18 days as compared to March 2021 which was 18 days. For January thru March 2022 the average stay was 33 days compared to 35 in January thru March 2021.

In March 2022, there were 330 commitments and 323 releases, compared to 328 commitments and 314 releases in March 2021. For January thru March 2022 there have been 847 commitments and 854 releases compared to 759 commitments and 721 releases in January thru March 2021. March commitments and releases increased respectively by .61% and 2.87%.

The rate of recidivism for March 2022 is 29.39% and 31.2% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to March 2021 which was 27.43% and 28.64% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers. For January thru March 2022 recidivism rate is 28.20% and 30.20% including 48

hour and 72 hour detainees. This compares to January thru March 2021 recidivism rate of 30.56% and including 48 hour and 72-hour detainees, 32.27%.

There were \$2,277 in Rentals collected in March 2022, totaling \$2,277.00. There were no Locker Revenue collected in March 2022, totaling \$28.50. Fines collected in March 2022 for Clerk of Courts were \$11,553.65, totaling \$28,581.20.

The Warden reported that \$1,944.08 has been collected for video conferencing for March 2022.

In March 2022, 198 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 37 were performed by Judge Bilik-Defazio, 37 by Judge Feliciani, 32 by Judge Mears, 42 by Judge Krieger, 1 by Judge Walsh, 3 by Judge Bononi, 4 by Judge Silvis, 15 by Domestic Relations, and 27 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 312 District Justice hearings were held, totaling 926.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the March 2022 cost per meal was \$1.07 compared to \$1.02 in March 2021.

For March 2022, we were under the cap by 98 inmates saving \$8,172.22. For the year we are below having saved \$21,393.57.

53% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 60.17% last month. 75.9% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

Executive Session:

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

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

Meeting business, discussions, motions:

(A) Controller Balzer made a motion to transfer Lance Lehnert from County Public Works to the Prison, seconded by Commissioner Cerilli Thrasher. Unanimous.

(B) Controller Balzer made a motion to terminate Trent Lichtenfels, seconded by Assistant District Attorney Washburn. Unanimous.

No action was taken on other agenda items.

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