

Westmoreland County Prison Board
Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2022

Members Present: Sheriff 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 July 25, 2022 meeting was made by Controller Balzer, seconded by Commissioner Kertes. Unanimous.

Report from Adult Probation/Parole Office, Chief Leydig:

Detailing the monthly statistical data on the Electronic Monitoring Program, Pre-Trial Services and the Institutional Parole Officer events as of August 29, 2022.

There was 177 current number of offenders on Electronic Monitoring and 164 pending Electronic Monitoring cases. \$348,925.49 Intermediate Punishment Program fees were collected year to date. The current number of Active Pre-Trial Cases for Electronic Monitoring is 27 and 161 Non-Electronic Monitoring. Pre-Trial program fees collected year to date was \$10,310.90. The Institutional Parole Officer completed 41 parole applications and 80 Nominal Bond Investigations to date. Since January 1, 2022, 375 Drug and Alcohol evaluations have been completed at the Westmoreland County Prison. Of the 375 Drug and Alcohol evaluations, the Institutional Parole Officer coordinated the release of 244 inmates to treatment.

A motion to accept the Adult Probation/Parole report for the minutes was made by Controller Balzer, seconded by Commissioner Kertes. Unanimous.

Report from County Correctional Facility, Warden Kline:

The population of the prison today is 536 in-house, 634 total. The average population for July 2022 was 527 in-house and 637 total. This compares to July of 2021 when the average was 515 in-house and 567 total. For January thru July 2022 the average population was 531 in-house and 634 total compared to 494 in-house and 538 total in January thru July 2021.

Average length of stay for July 2022 was 19 days as compared to July 2021 which was 18 days. For January thru July 2022 the average stay was 42 days compared to 43 in January thru July 2021.

In July 2022, there were 290 commitments and 285 releases, compared to 349 commitments and 318 releases in July 2021. For January thru July 2022 there have been 2,047 commitments and 2,037 releases compared to 1583 commitments and 1535 releases in January thru July 2021. July commitments and releases decreased respectively by 16.91% and 10.38%.

The rate of recidivism for July 2022 is 24.12% and 24.12% including the 48 & 72 hour detainees as compared to July 2021 which was 26.35% and 27.02% including the 48 & 72 hour detainees. For January thru July 2022 recidivism rate is 25.45% and 27.59% including 48 hour and 72 hour

detainers. This compares to January thru July 2021 recidivism rate of 22.71% and including 48 hour and 72-hour detainers, 24.21%.

There were no in Rentals collected in July 2022, totaling \$14,553.00. There were no Locker Revenue collections in July 2022, totaling \$69.50. Fines collected in July 2022 for Clerk of Courts were \$8,770.34, totaling \$66,586.92.

The Warden reported that \$2,019.94 has been collected for video conferencing for July 2022.

In July 2022, 132 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 24 were performed by Judge Bilik-Defazio, 30 by Judge Feliciani, 21 by Judge Mears, 28 by Judge Krieger, 1 by Judge Silvis, 14 by Domestic Relations, and 14 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 238 District Justice hearings were held, totaling 2,126.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the July 2022 cost per meal was \$1.38 compared to \$1.09 in July 2021.

For July 2022, we were under the cap by 103 inmates saving \$8,589.17. For the year we are below having saved \$53,899.67.

58% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 60% last month. 66% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

PrimeCare will transition to the medical provider on August 30, 2022 at 12:00am.

A motion to accept the County Correctional Facility report for the minutes was made by Commissioner Kertes, seconded by Commissioner Cerilli Thrasher. Unanimous.

Executive Session:

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

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

Meeting business, discussions, motions:

(A) Commissioner Kertes made a motion to accept the hiring of Hiago Pereira Garcia, Brian Wolfe and Brittany Bier seconded by Commissioner Cerilli Thrasher. Unanimous

(B) Controller Balzer made a motion to accept the resignation of Sydney Murray, seconded by Commissioner Cerilli Thrasher. Unanimous.

(C) Controller Balzer made a motion to consider the terminations of Michael Skovira, Marc Kuks, Heather Carl, seconded by Commissioner Kertes. Unanimous.

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