

Westmoreland County Prison Board
January 30, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Sheriff Jonathan Held, Commissioner Gina Cerilli, Commissioner Ted Kopas, Commissioner Charles Anderson, Controller Jeff Balzer, and District Attorney John Peck

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting was made by Commissioner Kopas, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 622 in-house, 644 total. The average population for December was 619 in-house and 644 total. This compares to December of 2015 when the average was 563 in-house and 574 total.

Average length of stay for December 2016 is 19.56 days as compared to December 2015 which was 17.59 days. In December 2016 there were 338 commitments and 407 releases, compared to 398 commitments and 449 releases in December 2015. For January thru December 2016 there have been 4827 commitments and 4786 releases compared to 4693 commitments and 4688 releases in January thru December 2015.

The rate of recidivism for December 2016 is 32.53% as compared to December 2015 which was 28.89%. Also, the December 2016 recidivism rate which also includes 48 hour and 72 hour detainers is 39.92% as compared to December 2015 which was 36.17%. January thru December 2016 recidivism rate is 33.53% and 39.30% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January – December 2015 recidivism rate of 34.91% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 43.81%.

There were no rentals billed in December 2016. Fines collected in December for Clerk of Courts were \$8,347.88. Total monies collected from January to December 2016 were \$109,590.37.

The Warden reported that \$1,767.94 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of November 2016. And for the year, January to November, \$20,500.59 has been collected for video conferencing.

In December, 121 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 24 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 24 by Judge Feliciani, 39 by Judge Hathaway, and 22 were performed by Domestic Relations. In addition, 12 out of county bench warrants were served. 140 District Justice hearings were held in December 2016.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the December 2016 cost per meal was \$0.77 compared to \$0.94 in December 2015.

In December 2016, we were 44 inmates above the cap owing \$3,464.56. For the year, we are above the cap owing \$38,330.90. 62.3% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 64.9% last month. 42.2% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

We received the OK to move forward with the Full Body Scanner.

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

Sheriff Held made a motion to reconvene in public session, seconded by Commissioner Cerilli. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the resignations of Allen Golembiewski, Mark Pruger, Sam Holmes and Paul Lennert seconded by Controller Balzer.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept an employee transfer (Brandon Castle) from the Westmoreland County Prison to the Sheriff's Department effective January 26, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Cerilli.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the retirement of Steven J. Cmar effective April 7, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

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