

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 600 in-house, 621 total. The average population for March 2017 was 640 in-house and 661 total. This compares to March of 2016 when the average was 607 in-house and 624 total. For January thru March 2017 the average population was 625 in-house and 649 total compared to 594 in-house and 609 total in January thru March 2016.

Average length of stay for March 2017 was 18.04 days as compared to March 2016 which was 18.86 days. For January thru March 2017 the average stay was 31.07 days compared to 31.75 in January thru March 2016.

In March 2017 there were 456 commitments and 481 releases, compared to 398 commitments and 396 releases in March 2016. For January thru March 2017 there have been 1229 commitments and 1188 releases compared to 1158 commitments and 1097 releases in January thru March 2016.

The rate of recidivism for March 2017 is 28.94% as compared to March 2016 which was 32.91%. Also, the March 2017 recidivism rate which also includes 48 hour and 72 hour detainees is 32.42% as compared to March 2016 which was 40.19%. January thru March 2017 recidivism rate is 32.05% and 37.82% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainees. This compares to January thru March 2016 recidivism rate of 33.84% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainees, 40.74%.

There were no rentals billed in March 2017. Fines collected in March 2017 for Clerk of Courts were \$11,889.40. Total monies collected from January to March 2017 were \$30,611.19.

The Warden reported that \$2,604.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of March.

In March, 202 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 41 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 61 by Judge Feliciani, 52 by Judge Hathaway, 30 by Domestic Relations, and 18 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 176 District Justice hearings were held in March 2017.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the March 2017 cost per meal was \$0.98 compared to \$0.96 in March 2016.

In March 2017, we were 65 inmates above the cap owing \$5,118.10. For the year, we are above the cap owing \$11,376.66. 65% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 71.3% last month. 53.4% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

Act 81 money for the first year totaled \$137,000.00

Put together a total of 204 Easter Baskets for the children that their parents are locked up.

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

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

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Forbes, seconded by
Commissioner Kopas.

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