

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2017

Members Present: Sheriff Jonathan Held, Commissioner Gina Cerilli, Commissioner Ted Kopas, Commissioner Charles Anderson (Via Phone), and Regis Garris in place of Controller Jeff Balzer

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2017 meeting was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 642 in-house, 661 total. The average population for May 2017 was 607 in-house and 629 total. This compares to May of 2016 when the average was 625 in-house and 643 total. For January thru May 2017 the average population was 619 in-house and 642 total compared to 606 in-house and 623 total in January thru May 2016.

Average length of stay for May 2017 was 18.52 days as compared to May 2016 which was 19.33 days. For January thru May 2017 the average stay was 36.17 days compared to 36.52 in January thru May 2016.

In May 2017 there were 410 commitments and 423 releases, compared to 402 commitments and 393 releases in May 2016. For January thru May 2017 there have been 2008 commitments and 1992 releases compared to 1984 commitments and 1914 releases in January thru May 2016.

The rate of recidivism for May 2017 is 27.07% as compared to May 2016 which was 33.58%. Also, the May 2017 recidivism rate which also includes 48 hour and 72 hour detainers is 33.16% as compared to May 2016 which was 38.55%. January thru May 2017 recidivism rate is 31.47% and 37.34% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru May 2016 recidivism rate of 34.21% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 40.56%.

There were no rentals billed in May 2017. Kiosk Revenue collected in May 2017 was \$516.50, totaling \$2,526.00 from January to May 2017. Locker Revenue collected in May 2017 was \$148.50, totaling \$807.00 from January to May 2017. Fines collected in May 2017 for Clerk of Courts were \$11,122.74; total monies collected from January to May 2017 were \$51,885.97..

The Warden reported that \$2,185.20 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of May.

In May, 152 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 30 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 48 by Judge Feliciani, 29 by Judge Hathaway, 26 by Domestic Relations, and 19 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 147 District Justice hearings were held in May 2017.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the May 2017 cost per meal was \$0.72 compared to \$0.74 in May 2016.

In May 2017, we were 23 inmates under the cap receiving \$1,811.02. For the year, we owe \$12,537.44. 75.9% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 74% last month. 52.38% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

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

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

Regis Garris made a motion to accept the resignation of Thomas W. Melago, II, seconded by Commissioner Kopas.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to hire Dayton T. Wolfe for the Lieutenant position, seconded by Regis Garris.

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