

**Westmoreland County Prison**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 28, 2017**

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

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2017 meeting was made by Controller Balzer, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 662 in-house, 686 total. The average population for July 2017 was 635 in-house and 657 total. This compares to July of 2016 when the average was 624 in-house and 644 total. For January thru July 2017 the average population was 623 in-house and 645 total compared to 610 in-house and 628 total in January thru July 2016.

Average length of stay for July 2017 was 18.82 days as compared to July 2016 which was 18.89 days. For January thru July 2017 the average stay was 38.34 days compared to 38.90 in January thru July 2016.

In July 2017 there were 427 commitments and 396 releases, compared to 395 commitments and 429 releases in July 2016. For January thru July 2017 there have been 2870 commitments and 2793 releases compared to 2805 commitments and 2748 releases in January thru July 2016.

The rate of recidivism for July 2017 is 28.1% as compared to July 2016 which was 30.87%. Also, the July 2017 recidivism rate which also includes 48 hour and 72 hour detainers is 33.72% as compared to July 2016 which was 35.68%. January thru July 2017 recidivism rate is 31.98% and 37.79% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru July 2016 recidivism rate of 34.04% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 40.06%.

There were no rentals billed in July 2017. Kiosk Revenue collected in July 2017 was \$523.50, totaling \$3,554.00 from January to July 2017. Locker Revenue collected in July 2017 was \$236.25, totaling \$1,043.25 from January to July 2017. Fines collected in July 2017 for Clerk of Courts were \$9749.64; total monies collected from January to July 2017 were \$70,636.78.

The Warden reported that \$1,715.44 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of July.

In July, 103 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 28 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 27 by Judge Feliciani, 18 by Judge Hathaway, 20 by Domestic Relations, and 10 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 151 District Justice hearings were held in July 2017.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the July 2017 cost per meal was \$0.70 compared to \$0.78 in July 2016.

In July 2017, we had 0 inmates over & under the cap. For the year, we owe \$12,385.04. 69.8% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 69% last month. 44.9% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

Stantec, the Company that has purchased SCI Greensburg has allowed us to tour the old facility to see if there is anything that might be of use to WCP. We have compiled a list of items that may be useful. We are awaiting a reply back from them if the list has been approved.

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

Commissioner Cerilli made a motion to reconvene in public session, seconded by District Attorney John Peck. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to hire Johnathan Swanson, Joel Dunseath, Sr., James Lipscomb, Sr., Jeffrey Case II, Jeffrey Grantz, Antonio Ashley, Todd Hannah, Noah Wilson, Terry Kuykendall, and Tobias Yuhouse, seconded by District Attorney John Peck. Unanimous.

District Attorney John Peck made a motion to accept the resignations of Brienna Luft, Terri Quashnock, Rachel Anderson, and Sara Auen, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

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