

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting was made by Commissioner Kopas, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 641 in-house, 665 total. The average population for June 2017 was 628 in-house and 651 total. This compares to June of 2016 when the average was 616 in-house and 634 total. For January thru June 2017 the average population was 621 in-house and 644 total compared to 608 in-house and 625 total in January thru June 2016.

Average length of stay for June 2017 was 18.37 days as compared to June 2016 which was 17.82 days. For January thru June 2017 the average stay was 37.22 days compared to 37.56 in January thru June 2016.

In June 2017 there were 435 commitments and 405 releases, compared to 426 commitments and 405 releases in June 2016. For January thru June 2017 there have been 2443 commitments and 2397 releases compared to 2410 commitments and 2319 releases in January thru June 2016.

The rate of recidivism for June 2017 is 31.02% as compared to June 2016 which was 30.98%. Also, the June 2017 recidivism rate which also includes 48 hour and 72 hour detainers is 35.38% as compared to June 2016 which was 36.37%. January thru June 2017 recidivism rate is 32.25% and 37.98% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru June 2016 recidivism rate of 33.89% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 40.07%.

There were no rentals billed in June 2017. Kiosk Revenue collected in June 2017 was \$504.50, totaling \$3,030.50 from January to June 2017. There was no Locker Revenue collected in June 2017, totaling \$807.00 from January to June 2017. Fines collected in June 2017 for Clerk of Courts were \$9,001.17; total monies collected from January to June 2017 were \$60,887.14.

The Warden reported that \$1,692.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of June.

In June, 188 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 44 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 66 by Judge Feliciani, 41 by Judge Hathaway, 30 by Domestic Relations, and 7 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 148 District Justice hearings were held in June 2017.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the June 2017 cost per meal was \$0.82 compared to \$0.88 in June 2016.

In June 2017, we were 2 inmates under the cap receiving \$152.40. For the year, we owe \$12,385.04. 69% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 75.9% last month. 49% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

We will be receiving monies from the Chief of Police Association (Approved by Criminal Justice Advisory Board) for the locking cabinets which are needed to lock-up the finger print machines. This will alleviate having to train all Prison personnel.

Controller Jeffrey Balzer 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.

Controller Jeffrey Balzer made a motion to hire Brandon Gelet for the Sergeant Position, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Controller Jeffrey Balzer made a motion to accept the resignation of Colleen Neely, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to terminate Shaina Moseley, contingent upon the Solicitor's review, seconded by Controller Jeffrey Balzer. Unanimous.

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