

**Westmoreland County Prison**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 25, 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 August 28, 2017 meeting was made by District Attorney Peck, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 661 in-house, 688 total. The average population for August 2017 was 658 in-house and 681 total. This compares to August of 2016 when the average was 622 in-house and 642 total. For January thru August 2017 the average population was 627 in-house and 650 total compared to 612 in-house and 630 total in January thru August 2016.

Average length of stay for August 2017 was 19.04 days as compared to August 2016 which was 18.62 days. For January thru August 2017 the average stay was 39.46 days compared to 39.52 in January thru August 2016.

In August 2017 there were 420 commitments and 411 releases, compared to 437 commitments and 405 releases in August 2016. For January thru August 2017 there have been 3290 commitments and 3204 releases compared to 3242 commitments and 3153 releases in January thru August 2016.

The rate of recidivism for August 2017 is 26.42% as compared to August 2016 which was 34.55%. Also, the August 2017 recidivism rate which also includes 48 hour and 72 hour detainers is 31.39% as compared to August 2016 which was 41.64%. January thru August 2017 recidivism rate is 31.96% and 37.82% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru August 2016 recidivism rate of 34.42% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 40.58%.

There were no rentals billed in August 2017. Kiosk Revenue collected in August 2017 was \$485.00, totaling \$4,039.00 from January to August 2017. Locker Revenue collected in August 2017 was \$208.50, totaling \$1,251.75 from January to August 2017. Fines collected in August 2017 for Clerk of Courts were \$10,964.25; total monies collected from January to August 2017 were \$81,601.03.

The Warden reported that \$1,935.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of August.

In August, 175 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 59 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 35 by Judge Feliciani, 42 by Judge Hathaway, 34 by Domestic Relations, and 5 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 193 District Justice hearings were held in August 2017.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the August 2017 cost per meal was \$0.70 compared to \$0.89 in August 2016.

In August 2017, we had 8 inmates over, owing \$629.92. For the year, we owe \$13,014.96. 51.4% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 69.8% last month. 38.4% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

All paperwork is now signed for the Full Body Scanner and will be delivered within the week and in about 2 to 2 ½ weeks could be up and running.

Warden met with Amy DeMatt, SPHS and Colleen Hughes to discuss the new female rehab program in Pittsburgh. They are willing to pick- up female offenders 2 times a week. Amy Dematt to discuss this with the President Judge

Warden met with Syntec (owners of SCI Greensburg). They discussed the idea of purchasing an inmate pod. To send letter to me with a proposal

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

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

Controller Balzer made a motion to rescind the employment of Tobias Yuhouse, and James Lipscomb, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to hire Lisa Repko, Timothy Bish, Kristy Vogle, and Louis Mauro, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

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