

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 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 October 23, 2017 meeting was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 628 in-house, 654 total. The average population for October 2017 was 661 in-house and 679 total. This compares to October of 2016 when the average was 630 in-house and 649 total. For January thru October 2017 the average population was 634 in-house and 656 total compared to 615 in-house and 633 total in January thru October 2016.

Average length of stay for October 2017 was 19.90 days as compared to October 2016 which was 19.01 days. For January thru October 2017 the average stay was 41.41 days compared to 40.61 in January thru October 2016.

In October 2017 there were 387 commitments and 373 releases, compared to 417 commitments and 405 releases in October 2016. For January thru October 2017 there have been 4090 commitments and 4012 releases compared to 4090 commitments and 4008 releases in January thru October 2016.

The rate of recidivism for October 2017 is 22.47% as compared to October 2016 which was 32.84%. Also, the October 2017 recidivism rate which also includes 48 hour and 72 hour detainers is 26.08% as compared to October 2016 which was 36.91%. January thru October 2017 recidivism rate is 31.34% and 36.93% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru October 2016 recidivism rate of 34.71% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 40.40%.

There were no rentals billed in October 2017. Kiosk Revenue collected in October 2017 was \$530.00, totaling \$5,059.00 from January to October 2017. Locker Revenue collected in October 2017 was \$262.00, totaling \$1,513.75 from January to October 2017. Fines collected in October 2017 for Clerk of Courts were \$9,228.96; total monies collected from January to October 2017 were \$100,984.65.

The Warden reported that \$2,247.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of October.

In October, 117 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 20 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 28 by Judge Feliciani, 27 by Judge Hathaway, 33 by Domestic Relations, and 9 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 177 District Justice hearings were held in October 2017.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the October 2017 cost per meal was \$0.64 compared to \$0.81 in October 2016.

In October 2017, we had 11 inmates over, owing \$866.14. For the year, we owe \$14,795.50.

55.9% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 64.3% last month. 45.8% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

The Solicitor is going over the DEP Policy for the full body scanner.

The Chaplain is handling the program that gives presents to the children from the incarcerated parents.

Controller Balzer made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

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

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the volunteer resignations of Lisa Repko, and Johnathon Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

Controller Balzer made a motion to accept the retirement of Jeffrey Boggio, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the transfer of Carrie Smith to the Public Defender's Office, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

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