

**Westmoreland County Prison**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**December 12, 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 November 17, 2017 meeting was made by Controller Balzer, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 629 in-house, 660 total. The average population for November 2017 was 651 in-house and 675 total. This compares to November of 2016 when the average was 636 in-house and 659 total. For January thru November 2017 the average population was 636 in-house and 658 total compared to 617 in-house and 636 total in January thru November 2016.

Average length of stay for November 2017 was 18.55 days as compared to November 2016 which was 18.73 days. For January thru November 2017 the average stay was 42.01 days compared to 41.22 in January thru November 2016.

In November 2017 there were 399 commitments and 395 releases, compared to 399 commitments and 371 releases in November 2016. For January thru November 2017 there have been 4489 commitments and 4407 releases compared to 4489 commitments and 4379 releases in January thru November 2016.

The rate of recidivism for November 2017 is 27.81% as compared to November 2016 which was 28.81%. Also, the November 2017 recidivism rate which also includes 48 hour and 72 hour detainees is 30.81% as compared to November 2016 which was 34.57%. January thru November 2017 recidivism rate is 31.54% and 36.9% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainees. This compares to January thru November 2016 recidivism rate of 34.61% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainees, 40.33%.

There were no rentals billed in November 2017. Kiosk Revenue collected in November 2017 was \$471.50, totaling \$5,530.50 from January to November 2017. Locker Revenue collected in November 2017 was \$141.75, totaling \$1,655.50 from January to November 2017. Fines collected in November 2017 for Clerk of Courts were \$11,276.88; total monies collected from January to November 2017 were \$112,261.53.

The Warden reported that \$2,664.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of November.

In November, 136 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 34 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 51 by Judge Feliciani, 23 by Judge Hathaway, 15 by Domestic Relations, and 12 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 158 District Justice hearings were held in November 2017.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the November 2017 cost per meal was \$0.98 compared to \$0.88 in November 2016.

In November 2017, we had 1 inmate over, owing \$76.20. For the year, we owe \$14,871.70. 67.5% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 55.9% last month. 44.5% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

The Full Body Scanner has been in full action for a month now.

GTL is being awarded the new phone contract.

Talked about the inmates doing the floor and by doing this, it could save the county about \$15,000.00.

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

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

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the transfer of Mary Scheeren to the Magistrate's Office, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

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