

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2018

Members Present: Sheriff Jonathan Held, Commissioner Gina Cerilli (on the Phone), 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 January 29, 2018 meeting was made by Controller Balzer, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 614 in-house, 649 total. The average population for January 2018 was 611 in-house and 635 total. This compares to January 2017 when the average was 602 in-house and 627 total.

Average length of stay for January 2018 was 19.73 days as compared to January 2017 which was 19.46 days.

In January 2018 there were 359 commitments and 355 releases, compared to 382 commitments and 337 releases in January 2017.

The rate of recidivism for January 2018 is 25.06% and 30.63% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to January 2017 which was 32.72% and 39.52 including the 48 & 72 hour detainers.

Rentals collected in January 2018 were \$2,340.00. There was no Kiosk Revenue collected in January 2018. Locker Revenue collected in January 2018 was \$213.75. Fines collected in January 2018 for Clerk of Courts were \$10,859.46.

The Warden reported that \$2,700.00 has been collected for video conferencing for January 2018.

In January 2018, 165 total bench warrants have been performed by video conferencing. 33 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 40 by Judge Feliciani, 31 by Judge Hathaway, 25 by Judge Krieger, 27 by Domestic Relations, and 9 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 144 District Justice hearings were held.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the January 2018 cost per meal was \$0.62 compared to \$0.90 in January 2017.

In January 2018, we had no inmates over the cap. We were under the cap 19 inmates which resulted in a savings of \$ 1,496.06.

66.6% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 60.1% last month. 43.7% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

Inmates will no longer be able to wear their own shoes starting on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Inmates will be issued a pair of crocs upon admission.

Meeting with the Commissioners in the beginning of March about giving the Vivitrol to the inmates that are being released and they will have to follow with the treatment and counseling. There will be no cost to the county.

Warden had a meeting with Customs and Immigration to discuss ICE detainees. Warden referred them to our County Solicitor.

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

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

Controller Balzer made a motion to hire Eric Wiedeberg for Part-Time Correctional Officer, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the resignation of Correctional Officer Cameron Cole, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the retirement of Correctional Officer Robert Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the resignation of part-time Correctional Officer Shawn Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

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