

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2018

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 December 12, 2017 meeting was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 624 in-house, 647 total. The average population for December 2017 was 633 in-house and 660 total. This compares to December of 2016 when the average was 619 in-house and 644 total. For January thru December 2017 the average population was 636 in-house and 658 total compared to 617 in-house and 636 total in January thru December 2016.

Average length of stay for December 2017 was 19.71 days as compared to December 2016 which was 19.56 days. For January thru December 2017 the average stay was 43.02 days compared to 42.22 in January thru December 2016.

In December 2017 there were 340 commitments and 397 releases, compared to 338 commitments and 407 releases in December 2016. For January thru December 2017 there have been 4829 commitments and 4804 releases compared to 4827 commitments and 4786 releases in January thru December 2016.

The rate of recidivism for December 2017 is 27.93% as compared to December 2016 which was 34.61%. Also, the December 2017 recidivism rate which also includes 48 hour and 72 hour detainees is 30.87% as compared to December 2016 which was 41.71%. January thru December 2017 recidivism rate is 31.80% and 37.01% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainees. This compares to January thru December 2016 recidivism rate of 34.81% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainees, 40.65%.

Rentals collected in December 2017 were \$2,340.00. Kiosk Revenue collected in December 2017 was \$534.50, totaling \$6,065.00 from January to December 2017. Locker Revenue collected in December 2017 was \$125.50, totaling \$1,781.00 from January to December 2017. Fines collected in December 2017 for Clerk of Courts were \$9,432.49; total monies collected from January to December 2017 were \$121,694.02.

The Warden reported that \$3,405.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of December.

In December, 160 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 18 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 57 by Judge Feliciani, 29 by Judge Hathaway, 41 by Domestic Relations, and 15 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 165 District Justice hearings were held in December 2017.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the December 2017 cost per meal was \$0.77 compared to \$0.77 in December 2016.

In December 2017, we had 0 inmates over, owing \$0.00. For the year, we owe \$14,871.70.

60.01% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 67.5% last month. 44.2% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

We received a check from GTL in the amount of \$28,591.01 for November, which makes that a total of \$115,858.23 received over the \$250,000.00. Received check in the amount of \$ 472,000.00 for 2018 commission.

The Chamber of Commerce toured the Prison.

The Wrapped and Love Program was a huge success. Able to provide presents to 147 children.

Talking about maybe offering 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.

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

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

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the transfer of Jennifer Shipley from the Sheriff's Office to the Prison, Assistant Records Supervisor, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Sheriff Held abstained from the vote.

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

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the resignation of Ashley Duke, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to hire the following for part-time Correction Officers, Cheyenne Fisher, Tre Garrity, Taylor Kennedy Gephart, John Grim, Joseph Madden, Karleigh Palek, Ryan Ward, Tyler Wilkins, and Justin Kresick, seconded by District Attorney Peck.

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