

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
March 27, 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 February 26, 2018 meeting was made by Controller Balzer, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 611 in-house, 640 total. The average population for February 2018 was 612 in-house and 639 total. This compares to February of 2017 when the average was 633 in-house and 657 total. For January thru February 2018 the average population was 612 in-house and 637 total compared to 617 in-house and 641 total in January thru February 2017.

Average length of stay for February 2018 was 17.19 days as compared to February 2017 which was 17.49 days. For January thru February 2018 the average stay was 26.67 days compared to 26.88 in January thru February 2017.

In February 2018 there were 394 commitments and 360 releases, compared to 391 commitments and 370 releases in February 2017. For January thru February 2018 there have been 753 commitments and 715 releases compared to 773 commitments and 707 releases in January thru February 2017.

The rate of recidivism for February 2018 is 24.61% and 29.17% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to February 2017 which was 37.33% and 42.18% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers. For January thru February 2018 recidivism rate is 25.89% and 31.06% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru February 2017 recidivism rate of 35.18% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 41.0%.

Rentals collected in February 2018 were \$2,028.00, totaling \$4,368.00. There was no Kiosk Revenue collected in February 2018, totaling \$0.00. Locker Revenue collected in February 2018 was \$131.25, totaling \$476.25. Fines collected in February 2018 for Clerk of Courts were \$10,156.19, totaling \$21,015.65.

The Warden reported that \$3,270.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of February.

In February 2018, 167 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 24 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 37 by Judge Feliciani, 31 by Judge Hathaway, 52 by Kreiger, 20 by Domestic Relations, and 3 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 137 District Justice hearings were held.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the February 2018 cost per meal was \$0.97 compared to \$0.85 in February 2017.

In February 2018, we had no inmates over the cap. We were under the cap 18 inmates which resulted in a savings of \$1,280.16. For the year, we saved \$2,776.22.

64% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 66.6% last month. 47% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

We received 2 Cell Senses from GTL at no cost. We can check mattress and make sure there is no metal or anything hidden.

A total of 257 Easter Baskets were prepared and distributed to children of incarcerated parents. Thanks to churches and WCCB.

Talking about July 1, 2018 to be the start date for the program for 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 and we have to finalize the policy.

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

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

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