

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2018

Members Present: Sheriff Jonathan Held, Commissioner Gina Cerilli, Commissioner Ted Kopas, 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 March 27, 2018 meeting was made by Controller Balzer, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 616 in-house, 633 total. The average population for March 2018 was 629 in-house and 659 total. This compares to March 2017 when the average was 640 in-house and 661 total. For January thru March 2018 the average population was 618 in-house and 645 total compared to 624 in-house and 648 total in January thru March 2017.

Average length of stay for March 2018 was 18.82 days as compared to March 2017 which was 18.04 days. For January thru March 2018 the average stay was 31.68 days compared to 31.07 in January thru March 2017.

In March 2018 there were 402 commitments and 400 releases, compared to 456 commitments and 481 releases in March 2017. For January thru March 2018 there have been 1155 commitments and 1115 releases compared to 1229 commitments and 1188 releases in January thru March 2017.

The rate of recidivism for March 2018 is 27.61% and 31.09% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to March 2017 which was 32.66% and 38.58% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers. For January thru March 2018 recidivism rate is 26.83% and 31.59% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru March 2017 recidivism rate of 34.41% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 40.34%.

There were no rentals collected in March 2018, totaling \$4,368.00. Locker Revenue collected in March 2018 was \$136.50, totaling \$481.50. Fines collected in March 2018 for Clerk of Courts were \$9,696.39, totaling \$30,712.04.

The Warden reported that \$3,825.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of March.

In March 2018, 165 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 39 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 35 by Judge Feliciani, 33 by Judge Hathaway, 30 by Kreiger, 22 by Domestic Relations, and 6 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 154 District Justice hearings were held.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the March 2018 cost per meal was \$0.76 compared to \$0.98 in March 2017.

In March 2018, we had no inmates over the cap. We were under the cap 1 inmate which resulted in a savings of \$78.74. For the year, we saved \$2,854.96.

66.6% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 64% last month. 50.7% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

As of June 30, 2018 the Prison will no longer prepare food for the Juvenile Detention Center. They will be going to the Manor for their meals.

We are in the process of getting the items from the old SCI Greensburg.

Still working on finalizing the policy that will offer Vivitrol to the inmates that are being released and they will have to follow with 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.

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

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the resignations of Jeremy Hough, Eric Wiedeberg, and Eric Boland seconded by Controller Balzer.

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