

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
August 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 July 30, 2018 meeting was made by Commissioner Kopas, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 651 in-house, 672 total. The average population for July 2018 was 647 in-house and 668 total. This compares to July 2017 when the average was 635 in-house and 657 total. For January thru July 2018 the average population was 623 in-house and 646 total compared to 623 in-house and 645 total in January thru July 2017.

Average length of stay for July 2018 was 19.50 days as compared to July 2017 which was 18.82 days. For January thru July 2018 the average stay was 38.68 days compared to 38.34 in January thru July 2017.

In July 2018 there were 383 commitments and 388 releases, compared to 427 commitments and 396 releases in July 2017. For January thru July 2018 there have been 2811 commitments and 2776 releases compared to 2870 commitments and 2783 releases in January thru July 2017.

The rate of recidivism for July 2018 is 28.71% and 31.84% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to July 2017 which was 30.87% and 36.49% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers. For January thru July 2018 recidivism rate is 29.80% and 33.28% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru July 2017 recidivism rate of 33.86% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 39.88%.

There were no rentals collected in July 2018, totaling \$4,368.00. There was no Locker Revenue collected in July 2018, totaling \$481.50. Fines collected in July 2018 for Clerk of Courts were \$10,966.83, totaling \$71,692.20.

The Warden reported that \$2,511.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of July.

In July 2018, 198 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 41 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 35 by Judge Feliciani, 50 by Judge Hathaway, 34 by Kreiger, 22 by Domestic Relations, 1 US Government, and 15 out of county bench warrants were served, a total of 1,301 for the year. In addition, 198 District Justice hearings were held, a total of 1,215 for the year.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the July 2018 cost per meal was \$0.83 compared to \$0.70 in July 2017.

In July 2018, we were above the cap by 17, costing us \$1,380.74. For the year, we saved \$4,212.34.

58.4% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 74.1% last month. 51.9% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

The new phone system is up and running. Everything is being monitored.

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

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

Controller Balzer made a motion to accept the transfer of Colin Connors from the Sheriff's Office to the Prison Records Clerk, seconded by Commissioner Anderson

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the termination of Corrections Officer Frank Capel, seconded by District Attorney Peck.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion to accept the resignation of Fiscal Assistant Shelly Bernazzoli, seconded by Controller Balzer.

Controller Balzer made the motion to accept the resignation of Ronald George, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

Controller Balzer made a motion to accept the resignation of Louis Mauro, seconded by District Attorney Peck.

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