

**Westmoreland County Prison**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 30, 2018**

Members Present: Sheriff Jonathan Held, Commissioner Gina Cerilli (via phone), Commissioner Ted Kopas, and 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 June 18, 2018 meeting with the change made was made by District Attorney Peck, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 657 in-house, 678 total. The average population for June 2018 was 623 in-house and 641 total. This compares to June 2017 when the average was 628 in-house and 651 total. For January thru June 2018 the average population was 618 in-house and 642 total compared to 620 in-house and 643 total in January thru June 2017.

Average length of stay for June 2018 was 18.81 days as compared to June 2017 which was 18.37 days. For January thru June 2018 the average stay was 36.96 days compared to 37.22 in January thru June 2017.

In June 2018 there were 399 commitments and 350 releases, compared to 435 commitments and 405 releases in June 2017. For January thru June 2018 there have been 2428 commitments and 2388 releases compared to 2443 commitments and 2397 releases in January thru June 2017.

The rate of recidivism for June 2018 is 31.57% and 33.82% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to June 2017 which was 33.32% and 38.14% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers. For January thru June 2018 recidivism rate is 29.52% and 33.10% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru June 2017 recidivism rate of 34.05% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 40.06%.

There were no rentals collected in June 2018, totaling \$4,368.00. Locker Revenue collected in June 2018 was \$124.50, totaling \$846.25. Fines collected in June 2018 for Clerk of Courts were \$9,290.96, totaling \$60,725.37.

The Warden reported that \$2,640.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of June.

In June 2018, 166 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 51 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 33 by Judge Feliciani, 14 by Judge Hathaway, 41 by Judge Kreiger, 19 by Domestic Relations, and 8 out of county bench warrants were served, for the year a total of 1,103. In addition, 195 District Justice hearings were held, for the year a total of 1,017.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the June 2018 cost per meal was \$0.81 compared to \$0.84 in June 2017.

In June 2018, we had below the cap by 7, saving \$533.40. For the year, we saved \$5,593.08.

74.1% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 77.8% last month. 52.8% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

New phone system with hearing impaired, voice biometric (voice recognition), and on August 16<sup>th</sup> we should have the tablets up and running which will be for books, movies, and religion.

Vivitrol Program has started, we have 1 person beginning with it and there have been a lot of referrals.

New commissary contract starts with Keefe Commissary on September 1, 2018.

We are getting a new urinalysis machine with a better price.

Since the new mail policy that went into effect for the inmates on the 27<sup>th</sup>, there has been very little issues.

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

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

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to terminate Maria Denton, seconded by Commissioner Kopas.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to terminate Derek Shaver, seconded by Commissioner Kopas.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the transfer of Correctional Officer Katherine Frye from the Prison to the Sheriff's Office, seconded by District Attorney Peck.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the transfer of Valerie Tantlinger from the Clerk of Courts to the Prison-Records, seconded by Controller Balzer.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the resignation of Dante Porter, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the resignation of Justin Kresic, seconded by Controller Balzer.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the resignation of Lisa Backus to go to the magistrate, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

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