

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2018

Members Present: Sheriff Jonathan Held, Commissioner Gina Cerilli, Commissioner Ted Kopas, and Commissioner Charles Anderson, and District Attorney John Peck

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2018 meeting with the change made was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 618 in-house, 635 total. The average population for May 2018 was 603 in-house and 622 total. This compares to May 2017 when the average was 607 in-house and 629 total. For January thru May 2018 the average population was 617 in-house and 642 total compared to 619 in-house and 642 total in January thru May 2017.

Average length of stay for May 2018 was 17.70 days as compared to May 2017 which was 18.52 days. For January thru May 2018 the average stay was 35.44 days compared to 36.17 in January thru May 2017.

In May 2018 there were 441 commitments and 462 releases, compared to 410 commitments and 423 releases in May 2017. For January thru May 2018 there have been 2029 commitments and 2038 releases compared to 2008 commitments and 1992 releases in January thru May 2017.

The rate of recidivism for May 2018 is 29.02% and 31.96% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to May 2017 which was 29.51% and 36.33% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers. For January thru May 2018 recidivism rate is 28.58% and 32.52% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru May 2017 recidivism rate of 33.35% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 39.47%.

There were no rentals collected in May 2018, totaling \$4,368.00. Locker Revenue collected in May 2018 was \$140.70, totaling \$721.75. Fines collected in May 2018 for Clerk of Courts were \$9,093.92, totaling \$51,434.41.

The Warden reported that \$3,015.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of May.

In May 2018, 220 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 60 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 37 by Judge Feliciani, 49 by Judge Hathaway, 42 by Judge Kreiger, 26 by Domestic Relations, and 6 out of county bench warrants were served, for the year a total of 937. In addition, 209 District Justice hearings were held, for the year a total of 822.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the May 2018 cost per meal was \$0.88 compared to \$0.72 in May 2017.

In May 2018, we had below the cap by 28, saving \$2,204.72. For the year, we saved \$5,059.68.

77.8% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 63.2% last month. 54.5% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

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. Meeting with Senior Judge and the start date should be July 9th. There will be no cost to the county.

A new mail policy going in effect on the 27th for inmates, they will receive photocopies. Approved by Commissioner Kopas and seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

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

The board made a motion to reconvene in public session. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to hire the following, Bryce Stevens, Nicholas Matson, Mark Kradel, Dante Porter, Giuseppe Barbeiri, Elijah Parrish, Maria Denton, Makayla Anderson, Jason Paul, and Derek Shaver, seconded by Commissioner Kopas.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the transfer for Seth Kristoff, seconded by District Attorney Peck.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the resignation of Records Clerk Joseph Fallavollitti, seconded by District Attorney Peck.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the resignation of Part-time Correction Office Taylor Gephart, seconded by District Attorney Peck.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the resignation of Part-time Correction Office Kristy Vogle, seconded by District Attorney Peck.

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