

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2018

Members Present: Sheriff Jonathan Held, Commissioner Gina Cerilli, Commissioner Ted Kopas, and Commissioner Charles Anderson, Controller Jeffrey Balzer

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2018 meeting was made by Controller Balzer, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 596 in-house, 613 total. The average population for April 2018 was 632 in-house and 656 total. This compares to April 2017 when the average was 615 in-house and 635 total. For January thru April 2018 the average population was 621 in-house and 647 total compared to 622 in-house and 645 total in January thru April 2017.

Average length of stay for April 2018 was 17.66 days as compared to April 2017 which was 18.63 days. For January thru April 2018 the average stay was 34.05 days compared to 34.29 in January thru April 2017.

In April 2018 there were 433 commitments and 461 releases, compared to 369 commitments and 381 releases in April 2017. For January thru April 2018 there have been 1588 commitments and 1576 releases compared to 1598 commitments and 1569 releases in January thru April 2017.

The rate of recidivism for April 2018 is 28.39% and 31.16% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to April 2017 which was 30.61% and 36.57% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers. For January thru April 2018 recidivism rate is 27.76% and 32.04% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru April 2017 recidivism rate of 33.78% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 39.72%.

There were no rentals collected in April 2018, totaling \$4,368.00. Locker Revenue collected in April 2018 was \$99.50, totaling \$581.00. Fines collected in April 2018 for Clerk of Courts were \$11,628.45, totaling \$42,340.49.

The Warden reported that \$2,760.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of April.

In April 2018, 220 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 55 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 34 by Judge Feliciani, 32 by Judge Hathaway, 58 by Judge Kreiger, 27 by Domestic Relations, and 14 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 178 District Justice hearings were held.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the April 2018 cost per meal was \$0.81 compared to \$0.78 in April 2017.

In April 2018, we had no inmates over or below the cap. For the year, we saved \$2,854.96.

63.2% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 66.6% last month. 48.6% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

We received our check for the Act 81 money in the amount of \$121,833.60.

We received a letter from Hempfield High School thanking the Prison for the tour. The prison deals with 10 different High Schools and they come in and tour the Prison and the Warden also goes and speaks at schools.

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.

Commissioner Anderson 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 resignation of Part-Time Correction Officer Cody Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Kopas.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the resignation of Part-Time Correction Officer Nicholas McGrew, seconded by Controller Balzer.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to revoke appointment of Tre Garrity, seconded by Controller Balzer.

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