

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2018

Members Present: Commissioner Gina Cerilli, Commissioner Ted Kopas, Commissioner Charles Anderson (via Phone), Controller Jeffrey Balzer and District Attorney John Peck

The meeting was called to order by Controller Balzer.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2018 meeting was made by Commissioner Kopas, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 605 in-house, 625 total. The average population for August 2018 was 649 in-house and 667 total. This compares to August 2017 when the average was 658 in-house and 681 total. For January thru August 2018 the average population was 626 in-house and 648 total compared to 627 in-house and 649 total in January thru August 2017.

Average length of stay for August 2018 was 19.33 days as compared to August 2017 which was 19.04 days. For January thru August 2018 the average stay was 39.91 days compared to 39.46 in January thru August 2017.

In August 2018 there were 402 commitments and 405 releases, compared to 420 commitments and 411 releases in August 2017. For January thru August 2018 there have been 3213 commitments and 3181 releases compared to 3290 commitments and 3204 releases in January thru August 2017.

The rate of recidivism for August 2018 is 26.11% and 30.58% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to August 2017 which was 28.56% and 34.98% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers. For January thru August 2018 recidivism rate is 29.78% and 33.48% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru August 2017 recidivism rate of 33.55% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 39.65%.

There were no rentals collected in August 2018, totaling \$4,368.00. There was \$155.50 Locker Revenue collected in August 2018, totaling \$1001.75. Fines collected in August 2018 for Clerk of Courts were \$10,766.70, totaling \$82,458.90.

The Warden reported that \$2,814.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of August.

In August 2018, 187 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 28 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 33 by Judge Feliciani, 44 by Judge Hathaway, 41 by Kreiger, 22 by Domestic Relations, and 19 out of county bench warrants were served, a total of 1,488 for the year. In addition, 189 District Justice hearings were held, a total of 1,404 for the year.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the August 2018 cost per meal was \$0.82 compared to \$0.70 in August 2017.

In August 2018, we were above the cap by 19, costing us \$1,543.18. For the year, we saved \$2,669.16.

59% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 58.4% last month. 52.1% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

The Vivitrol program has 2 active inmates in it.

The Bar Association is trying to work with the Judges and the District Judges for bail bonds being non-monetary instead of cash.

The Adult Probation put the Re-entry Grant thru and for some reason; we did not receive the grant.

Received a Thank you from North Huntingdon Police for permitting K-9 Oz, in assisting in the K-9 Program at Oak Hollow Park.

District Attorney Peck 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.

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