

**Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2018**

Members Present: Sheriff Jonathan Held, Commissioner Gina Cerilli, Commissioner Ted Kopas, Commissioner Charles Anderson (via phone), District Attorney John Peck, and Controller Jeffrey Balzer.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2018 meeting was made by Commissioner Kopas, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

The population of the prison today is 615 in-house, 635 total. The average population for November 2018 was 638 in-house and 660 total. This compares to November 2017 when the average was 651 in-house and 675 total. For January thru November 2018 the average population was 628 in-house and 650 total compared to 636 in-house and 658 total in January thru November 2017.

Average length of stay for November 2018 was 19.10 days as compared to November 2017 which was 18.55 days. For January thru November 2018 the average stay was 43.33 days compared to 42.01 in January thru November 2017.

In November 2018 there were 354 commitments and 390 releases, compared to 399 commitments and 395 releases in November 2017. For January thru November 2018 there have been 4242 commitments and 4232 releases compared to 4489 commitments and 4407 releases in January thru November 2017.

The rate of recidivism for November 2018 is 23.71% and 26.53% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to November 2017 which was 29.82% and 33.07% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers. For January thru November 2018 recidivism rate is 29.50% and 32.87% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru November 2017 recidivism rate of 33.00% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 38.56%.

There were no rentals collected in November 2018, totaling \$4,368.00. There was \$177.25 Locker Revenue collected in November 2018, totaling \$1,534.25. Fines collected in November 2018 for Clerk of Courts were \$8,767.41, totaling \$113,227.31.

The Warden reported that \$2,280.00 has been collected for video conferencing for the month of November.

In November 2018, 153 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 29 were performed by Judge Bilik-Defazio, 27 by Judge Feliciani, 30 by Judge Hathaway, 26 by Kreiger, 30 by Domestic Relations, 10 out of county, and 1 US Government bench warrants were served, a total of 1,955 for the year. In addition, 183 District Justice hearings were held, a total of 1,945 for the year.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the November 2018 cost per meal was \$0.96 compared to \$0.98 in November 2017.

In November 2018, we were below the cap by 8, saving us \$628.80. For the year, we saved \$2,176.60.

58.9% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 55.7% last month. 53.1% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

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

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to reconvene in public session, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the resignation of Elijah Parrish, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to terminate Jason Paul, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.