

Westmoreland County Prison

Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2019

Members Present: Sheriff Jonathan Held, Commissioner Gina Cerilli, Commissioner Ted Kopas, 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 January 28, 2019 meeting was made by Commissioner Kopas, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

Controller Balzer made a public comment about the lawsuit settlement.

The population of the prison today is 621 in-house, 641 total. The average population for January 2019 was 613 in-house and 631 total. This compares to January 2018 when the average was 611 in-house and 625 total.

Average length of stay for January 2019 was 19.21 days as compared to January 2018 which was 19.73 days.

In January 2019 there were 397 commitments and 385 releases, compared to 359 commitments and 355 releases in January 2018.

The rate of recidivism for January 2019 is 26.19% and 29.96% including the 48 & 72 hour detainees as compared to January 2018 which was 28.12% and 34.52% including the 48 & 72 hour detainees.

There were no rentals collected in January 2019. There was no Kiosk Revenue collected in January 2019. Locker Revenue collected in January 2019 was \$102.50. Fines collected in January 2019 for Clerk of Courts were \$8,546.97.

The Warden reported that \$1,335.00 has been collected for video conferencing for January 2019.

In January 2019, 189 total bench warrants have been performed by video conferencing. 21 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 53 by Judge Feliciani, 31 by Judge Hathaway, 35 by Judge Krieger, 31 by Domestic Relations, 17 out of county, and 1 US Government bench warrants were served. In addition, 211 District Justice hearings were held.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the January 2019 cost per meal was \$0.94 compared to \$0.62 in January 2018.

In January 2019, we had below the cap by 18 inmates, saving us \$1,461.96.

72.2% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 80% last month. 48.7% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

We received a check from GTL in the amount of \$472,000.00 and an additional check for November and December in the amount of \$93,501.60.

We should receive the check for Act 81 monies around April.

On March 18th there is a job fair at Westmoreland County Community College and they are going to be there with Wexford to try to get employees.

On March 28th Wexford is attending a job fair for positions at the Prison.

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

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

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

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to revoke the appointment of Lee Harris, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to hire the following Part-Time Correction Officers, Aubrey Holewinski, Chris Kelley, Brent Pollock, Riley Quairiere, Audrey Taylor, and Aaron Slonecki, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the resignation of Brent Pollock, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

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