

Westmoreland County Prison
Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 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 February 20, 2019 meeting was made by District Attorney Peck, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

There was no public comment.

The population of the prison today is 599 in-house, 622 total. The average population for February 2019 was 616 in-house and 637 total. This compares to February of 2018 when the average was 612 in-house and 638 total. For January thru February 2019 the average population was 615 in-house and 634 total compared to 612 in-house and 637 total in January thru February 2018.

Average length of stay for February 2019 was 17.69 days as compared to February 2018 which was 17.19 days. For January thru February 2019 the average stay was 26.59 days compared to 26.67 in January thru February 2018.

In February 2019 there were 374 commitments and 370 releases, compared to 394 commitments and 360 releases in February 2018. For January thru February 2019 there have been 771 commitments and 755 releases compared to 753 commitments and 715 releases in January thru February 2018.

The rate of recidivism for February 2019 is 27.79% and 29.92% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to February 2018 which was 26.64% and 31.71% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers. For January thru February 2019 recidivism rate is 27.22% and 29.94% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru February 2018 recidivism rate of 27.35% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 33.06%.

There were no Rentals collected in February 2019, totaling \$0.00. Locker Revenue collected in February 2019 was \$116.75, totaling \$219.25. Fines collected in February 2019 for Clerk of Courts were \$8,010.18, totaling \$16,557.15.

The Warden reported that \$1,605.00 has been collected for video conferencing for February 2019.

In February 2019, 187 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 9 were performed by Judge Bilik-Defazio, 55 by Judge Feliciani, 33 by Judge Hathaway, 40 by Kreiger, 31 by Domestic Relations, and 19 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 190 District Justice hearings were held.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the February 2019 cost per meal was \$0.82 compared to \$0.97 in February 2018. Due to unpaid invoices the cost for February 2019 should be .96.

In February 2019, we were below the cap by 14 inmates, saving us \$1,027.04. For the year, we saved \$2,489.00.

81.3% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 72.2% last month. 48.9% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

8 Drug Dogs brought in to do complete shakedown of entire Prison, and we sent them all a Thank you.

Inmates put up and take down Overly's Christmas Lights.

Wexford is to pay us \$5,976.00.

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

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

Controller Balzer made a motion to accept the resignation of CO Deva Murphy, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to terminate Thomasina Conklin, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

Controller Balzer made a motion to terminate Ami Beth Ellis, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

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