

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS  
LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Regular Meeting.....October 21, 2015

Location .....6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

Presiding.....Sheriff Gabe Morgan, Acting Committee Chairman

Present..... John F. Anderson, Board of Corrections  
Colin O'Dawe, Board of Corrections  
Bobby N. Vassar, Board of Corrections  
David A. Hackworth, Chesapeake Sheriff's Office  
Stephen Draper, Martinsville Sheriff's Office  
Brian Struzzieri, Virginia Beach City Jail  
Tim Trent, Blue Ridge Regional Jail  
Matt Marsteller, Blue Ridge Regional Jail  
John Vargas, Virginia Beach City Jail  
Keith Lockridge, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office  
Robyn deSocio, Compensation Board  
James Bruce, Policy and Initiative Unit, Department of Corrections  
Donna Foster, Liaison Support, Department of Corrections  
Jamie Pham, Vectre Corporation

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. and Sheriff Morgan welcomed all attendees.

**I. Committee Chairman**

Sheriff Morgan advised the attendees David Simons had suffered an injury and he was asked to officiate the meeting.

Sheriff Morgan called for a motion to approve the July minutes.

Upon a **MOTION** and duly seconded, the September 16, 2015 minutes were unanimously **APPROVED**.

**II. Funding and Budget Issues (Ms. Robyn deSocio, State Compensation Board)**

Ms. deSocio reported that the per diem funding forecast has been reduced from \$14 million to \$11.3 for the current fiscal year. The forecast for the next two years is \$10.4 for next year and \$11.1 for the following year. Local responsible populations

forecasts were reduced, driven by a reduction in local responsible inmates over the past spring and early summer. The data is typically cyclical with the numbers increasing in spring and summer. This year, there was a continued decline, with an uptick in August, however, the forecast cycle begins after the end of June. Ms. deSocio noted that she has some reservations concerning the continued reduction in local responsible average daily populations (ADP). Funding requests will reflect the findings of ADP. State responsible populations showed a large growth for the first couple of years, which then leveled to a slower growth. This can affect the costs for the Compensation Board in the long term, so they are watching the numbers closely. During the transition to the new system, there was a lag on the part of the jails in catching up the data. Currently, most certifications are being done on time, making it easier to accurately forecast for the cost requirements.

III. **Prison/Local Jail Population Report and Jail Construction Update – Mr. Bob Casey**

Mr. Casey did not attend the October 21, 2015 meeting, but sent notice that there are no new construction projects to report for this meeting.

IV. **Offender Management Service Update - Mr. Jim Parks**

Mr. Parks did not attend the October 21, 2015 meeting due to a scheduling conflict, but advised Sheriff Morgan prior to the meeting that the out-of-compliance rates are 4,984 and remain steady. He advised that there are no immediate plans to open or close any facilities. There are plans for a renovation at Keen Mountain Correctional Center in spring or, more likely, fall 2016. This project will take 300 beds temporarily off-line.

V. **Federal Communications Commission Update-Mr. Tim Trent**

Mr. Trent reported that the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) ruling is expected on October 22, 2015, with results being made public shortly thereafter. He shared a handout detailing expected results of the decision. This review came as a result of price gouging in some areas in the central and western United States. The local facilities in Virginia have one of the lowest rates in the U.S. and use the commissions for inmate programs and supplies. Commissions also frequently fund investigative technicians who review calls for suspected criminal activity. Statistics support that spending on inmate phone calls will remain about the same, however, if the commissions are eliminated, the vendors will receive windfall profits and remove funds that help support the facilities. This may result in lost positions as well.

VI. **Other Business**

Col. David Hackworth advised the attendees that a lawsuit had been filed by the Virginia Pilot news organization against the Commonwealth of Virginia seeking a release of training files maintained by T-Rex pertaining to all law enforcement personnel under the Department of Criminal Justice Services purview. This database would encompass police, jail and prison officers, and even undercover agents, approximately 44,000 people.

Sheriff Morgan reminded the attendees that the next meeting date is Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

I. **Other Comments**

There being nothing further, by ***MOTION*** duly made and seconded, the meeting was ***ADJOURNED***.

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