

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

Regular Meeting.....November 14, 2012

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

Presiding.....David Simons, Hampton Roads Regional Jail, Committee Chairman

Present.....Peter Decker, III, Chairman, Board of Corrections
Kurt Boshart, Member, Board of Corrections
Linda Curtis, Member, Board of Corrections
William Osborne, Member, Board of Corrections
Rev. Anthony Paige, Member, Board of Corrections
Carl Peed, Member, Board of Corrections
David Kidwell, Arlington County Adult Detention Center
Tim Trent, Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority
David Hackworth, Chesapeake Correctional Center
John Roberts, Director of Newport News Adult Corrections (Retired)
Sheriff Gabe Morgan, Newport News City Jail
Walter Minton, Riverside Regional Jail
Marc Schuster, Virginia Beach City Jail
Robyn deSocio, State Compensation Board
Jim Parks, Classification and Records, DOC
Jim Bruce, Policy and Initiatives Manager, DOC
Brooks Ballard, Local Facilities, DOC
Bill Wilson, Local Facilities, DOC
Barbara Woodhouse, Chief Deputy Director's Office

The meeting was called to order and attendees in the room identified themselves for the record. Mr. Simons welcomed all attendees.

I. Committee Chairman (David Simons)

Mr. Simons called for a Motion to approve the October minutes. By **MOTION** duly made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously **APPROVED**.

II. Meeting Summary

Mrs. deSocio from the Comp Board reported that \$6.3 million is being requested for this fiscal year of which \$4.7 is for local responsible inmates as well as an anticipated increase in state responsible inmates. \$7.3 million in additional funding will be requested for FY14. Several new jails will be coming on line in FY14; namely, RSW, Richmond City Jail and the expansion of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail, which projects equate to \$28 million and 221 positions. The overcrowding and staffing issue

is being looked at. State agencies are to submit their 4% reduction plans next week, and the operations and jail per diems will be affected. Also, elected constitutional officer salaries are not excluded from the 4% reduction targets. More information will be available once the Governor's budget comes out. One-time funding for the Master Deputy Program is being implemented. This covers deputies and officers who were eligible before 2010 but the increases were never funded. Career development programs are still suspended and the Comp Board will try to get the suspensions lifted in the future. Training on the LIDS/CORIS redesign will be happening early next year. New constitutional officer training is scheduled for December 4-5. This is an off year so only a couple of Sheriffs are affected, and there are some new Superintendents who will be attending. Ms. deSocio asked if there is an item your associations are tracking and for which you have a position in the upcoming session, please let her know. A summary of the Governor's Budget will be available after December 17.

Sheriff Morgan asked if there was some way of tracking mental health in CORIS as the jails receive requests for a snapshot of the population as far as mental health patients. Right now, the only thing that can be reported is based on the issuance of psychotropic meds. Mrs. deSocio responded she was not sure but would check into this.

Mr. Wilson reported the jail population to be 30,062. As of October 16, the out-of-compliance figure stood at 5,168. Mr. Parks reported there has been no changes to the DOC bed numbers but that if anyone has any problems they need to have moved to contact Ms. Jennifer Hastings. Mr. Wilson also reported that the 80-bed Mecklenburg County satellite facility of the Meherrin River Regional Jail is scheduled to open in January, 2013.

Mr. Wilson also reported that the revised jail standards are in their final phase and barring no public comments will be effective November 22, 2012, the day after the public comment period closes. Mr. Wilson will be asking the Board today to make the implementation date July 1, 2013. Training will occur statewide in anticipation of their implementation. He also noted the pregnant inmate restraints language was accepted by the Board in October, and an electronic copy of the language will be sent to Committee members for sharing with their respective organizations.

Ms. Ballard indicated the new Memorandum of Agreement between the Board and the State Fire Marshal has been written and will be presented to the Board for review and approval today. The agreement includes language about an hourly charge to be assessed as well as a clarification of when inspections are to be completed.

Under New Business, Mr. Simons welcomed the newest Committee member Captain John Jenkins with the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office. Captain Jenkins thanked the Board Chairman for the opportunity to participate and stated he looks forward to taking meeting information back to share with jails in his area.

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Marc Schuster was in attendance and apologized for his lateness.

With that, there were no further comments. Mr. Simons noted the next meeting will be held on March 20, 2013, at 9:30.

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