

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

Regular Meeting.....November 18, 2015

Location6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

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

Present..... John F. Anderson, Board of Corrections
Ann Gardner, Board of Correction
Rev. Anthony Paige, Board of Corrections
Phyllis Randall, Board of Corrections
Sheriff Thomas Jones, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office
Keith Lockridge, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office
Bill Wilson, RSW Regional Jail
Paul Perry Peumansend Creek Regional Jail
Bob Casey, Local Facilities Unit, Department of Corrections
Jim Parks, Offender Management Services Unit, Department of Corrections
James Bruce, Policy and Initiative Unit, Department of Corrections
Donna Foster, Liaison Support, Department of Corrections
Jamie Pham, Vectre Corporation
George Pender, guest of Reverend Anthony Paige

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. and Sheriff Morgan welcomed all attendees.

I. Committee Chairman

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

Sheriff Morgan called for a motion to approve the October minutes with Tim Trent added to the attendees.

Upon a **MOTION** and duly seconded, the October 21, 2015 minutes were unanimously **APPROVED** as amended.

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

Ms. deSocio sent a message advising that she had a schedule conflict and was unable to attend the meeting, but had no new information to report. She added that she would be happy to address any questions or concerns from attendees upon notification.

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

Mr. Casey reported that Central Virginia Regional Jail is approaching substantial completion, which is anticipated to be final on November 30, 2015. Southwest Virginia Regional Jail is nearly finished with the reimbursement package review as is Richmond City Justice Center as well. Chesapeake's value engineering study will be submitted by the consultant this week. Hampton Roads Regional Jail's security electronics upgrade is beyond 50% complete. Prince William/Manassas Regional Jail is still meeting with design consultants.

IV. Offender Management Service Update - Mr. Jim Parks

Mr. Parks reported that the out-of-compliance rates remain steady at around 5,000. Transportation days are typically lost during the holidays so they are currently maximizing transportation whenever possible leading up to late December.

A pod at Nottoway Correctional Center is being considered for use as a reception center. There is currently some construction at Virginia Correctional Center for Women that impacts no beds. A renovation is planned for Keen Mountain Correctional Center but has no definite timeline. The female out-of-compliance rate is increasing at a greater rate than that of the male population, therefore, the VADOC (Virginia Department of Corrections) is requesting additional medical positions at two existing female facilities. Mr. Parks repeated his willingness to do all he can to accommodate problem or medically expensive offenders, asking that jail administrators call him if he can be of assistance. This applies to low risk offenders as well. He will try to place them in work centers when possible.

V. Other Business

A discussion ensued regarding the funding cuts to the VADOC budget last year and how it affects localities and mental health support for local facilities and communities. The costs for localities increased following budget cuts to the VADOC, increasing the burden for taxpayers and facilities at the local level. The lack of consistency in care provided by Community Service Boards was also a topic of concern. Sheriff Morgan discussed the systemic problem of having offenders committed into psychiatric facilities in a timely manner, saying this issue will be addressed by the General Assembly in the upcoming session.

Bill Wilson noted that his facility recently received a Board of Corrections audit, but never received a mock audit typically provided around six months after the initial opening of a new facility. He also noted that he received a 30-day notice rather than the mandated 60-day notice. It was suggested that he appear before the Board of Corrections asking that his audit be considered a mock audit and request a rescheduling of a new audit.

Sheriff Morgan reminded the attendees that the next meeting date is Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

I. **Other Comments**

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