

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

Regular Meeting.....January 7, 2020

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

Presiding.....Timothy Trent, Chairman

Present..... William T. Dean, Board of Corrections
John F. Anderson, Jr., Board of Corrections
Olivia Garland, Board of Corrections
Bobby Vassar, Board of Corrections
Steve Goff, Board of Corrections
Joshua Salmon, Blue Ridge Regional Jail
Chad Lipscomb, Blue Ridge Regional Jail
Keith Lockridge, Charlotte County Jail
Charles Armstrong, Riverside Regional Jail
Phillip Figura, Office of the Attorney General
Bob Casey, Department of Corrections
Donna Foster, Department of Corrections

The meeting was called to order and Chairman Trent welcomed all attendees.

I. **Committee Chairman**

Chairman Trent called for a motion to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes.

By ***Motion*** by Chairman Trent, the November 20, 2019 minutes were ***Approved***.

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

Ms. deSocio did not attend the January meeting.

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

Mr. Casey reported that Prince William/Manassas Regional Jail (204 bed expansion) is on schedule for completion by the anticipated date of July 2020. Construction has begun on Henry County Jail with an anticipated completion date of March 2022.

New projects submitted for review/approval:

Middle River Regional Jail – 400-bed expansion and renovation

- Received CBCP, needs assessment and planning study
- \$96.5 million

Virginia Beach Correctional Center – security master control system upgrade

- Planning study received
- \$5.3 million

Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail – minor renovation project

- \$231,000

Montgomery County Jail – minor renovation project

- Dormitory renovation and upgrades
- \$1.3 million

Offender Management Service Update - Mr. Jim Parks

Jim Parks was not available to attend the January meeting, however his unit reported the total for out-of-compliance inmates as 3,221 of which 2,787 are males and 434 are females.

Other Business

Chairman Trent noted that the General Assembly convenes on the 8th and is expected to consider the new mental health standards, which are supported by Secretary Brian Moran. Also expected to be considered in the new session are the recommendations from JLARC (Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission) regarding Board of Corrections operations.

Chairman Trent also noted that the Associations (Virginia Sheriffs' Association and the Virginia Association of Regional Jail) will meet with the Compensation Board to discuss issues requested by the associations for presentation before the legislators. One issue mentioned by Chairman Trent is Forensic Discharge Planners who assist inmates with mental health care access upon release, greatly reducing recidivism, 80+% for Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority.

Steve Goff Reported that there were 41 deaths in local jails in 2019, 44 in 2018 and 40 during the final 6 months of 2017, when the Jail Death Review Committee was formed by mandate. Kemba Jennings is working on an end of year report analysis

IV. **Other Comments**

There being nothing further, by ***Motion*** duly made and seconded, the meeting was ***Adjourned***.