

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

Regular Meeting .. ..... January 16, 2007

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

Presiding Chairman..... Roy Cherry, Chairman, Liaison Committee, Board of Corrections

Present ..... Sterling Proffitt, Chairman, Board of Corrections  
Jimmy Burrell, Board of Corrections  
Bobby Mitchell, Board of Corrections  
Chris Webb, Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority  
Tom Jones, Charlotte County  
Fred Hilderbrand, Northwestern Regional Jail  
Jack Dewan, Virginia Association of Regional Jails  
Clyde Christman, Deputy Secretary of Public Safety  
Ann Wilmouth, State Compensation Board  
Jim Parks, Classification and Records, DOC  
Dave Hawkins, Architecture and Engineering, DOC  
Matt Savino, Video NOC Manager, DOC  
Bill Wilson, Compliance and Accreditation, DOC  
Pat Waskey, Compliance and Accreditation, DOC

**I. November Minutes**

Minutes from the November 14, 2006 meeting were motioned for approval, seconded and passed.

**II. Meeting Summary**

- Dave Hawkins provided an updated construction report which is included in this package. Some weather delays have affected the St. brides phase II, changing the completion date to October 2007. Pocahontas is on schedule for June 2007. Green Rock, previously called the Pittsylvania facility, is expected to be complete in April 2007 and is being considered for privatized maintenance. Deerfield has been loaded with a few small areas for program support nearing completion. Deerfield will undergo a phase II expansion in the future but is not expected to provide more beds.

- Clyde Cristman discussed the impact of the out-of-compliance levels. He stated that 1,000 is a manageable level and in March the level reached around the 1,300 inmate point. The levels have increased to an unanticipated level of around 3,000 inmates. The number began decreasing in December when Deerfield loaded but jumped up again around the holidays due to reduced DOC transportation staff availability. The Secretary of Public Safety gave a report to the Senate Finance Committee earlier in the month projecting 400 beds at Deerfield, 1,024 beds at Green Rock, 1,024 beds at Pocahontas and 92 at Buckingham due to a waste water treatment project, stating that hopefully, we have seen the worst. Add to that St. Brides additional 800 beds and there should be significant improvement by the end of the year even though the forecast is expected to increase inmate levels by 800, which is tracking at 99.8% accuracy.
  
- Bill Wilson presented the population report which is included in this package. Loudoun County had to delay their opening date by a month or two as some equipment was late arriving and they are still going over some checklists. Eastern Shore should be opening around the beginning of March. Newport News City Jail's Community based correction plan was presented to the Correctional Services Committee during the January Meeting which will add 52 beds. Senate Bill 773 providing for child friendly visiting areas with available nursing stations and prevents penalty to inmates for poor child behaviors prompting discontinuation of the visit has resurfaced. As he did last year, Mr. Wilson and the DOC did not recommend approval. This bill would be cost prohibitive to the state and localities. House Bill 2512 provides that when a regional jail is established by a city and the state, the members of the Board of Corrections would act as members of the governing board for that jail. Mr. Wilson did not recommend approval with support from the DOC. Sterling Proffitt told the committee that he called the Attorney General's office and spoke with Alan Katz, who advised that this bill would be a conflict of interest for the Board members and was not legal to consider.
  
- Anne Wilmouth attended the meeting in Ms. deSocio's absence. She advised that 24 positions were originally recommended to meet the 1:1500 ratio, but after review by the Compensation Board, they found the need to be 40 positions. 42 positions were recommended for the Botetourt/Craig Regional Jail and the expansion of the Gloucester County Jail. Language was added to remove the extension for Dinwiddie, Brunswick and Mecklenburg that would allow them to build their own regional jail. There was some reduction of funding due to delayed openings at Northwest Regional Jail and Fairfax County Jail. Additional funding was proposed for LEOs (Law Enforcement Officers' Retirement System). No additional funding or positions were approved for emergency positions due to overcrowding. Language was added to require funding resources for per diem shortfalls. House Bill 1856 adds a deputy position in sheriff's offices for each adp (average daily population) of 750 if

requested by the Board of Supervisors. Also, House Bill 2034 allows facilities to take the lesser of the healthcare cost incurred or the Medicaid payment. House Bill 2083 requires that the inmate pay in full the \$1 per day incurred during their incarceration within 15 days of their release or their driver's license can be suspended. Currently HB 2083 requires that the inmate is notified of this requirement upon arrival, but frequently the release date is unknown at reception. Senate Bill 832 changes the composition of the Compensation Board members. Currently there is a 3 member board. SB 832 provide that the Compensation Board change to a 5 member board each of which would be nominated by the 5 associations, the Sheriffs' Association, the Clerks' Association, the Commonwealth Attorneys', the Treasurers' and the Commissioners' Associations. The nominees would then elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman. The Comp Board administration and the Sheriff's Association opposed this bill. Ms. Wilmouth stated that the Comp Board has not heard the stance of the other associations.

- Mr. Cherry discussed the inmate emergency evacuation committee meeting. The second meeting was held in January and the next meeting was scheduled for February 8. This committee is still in its infancy stages, but more will be reported from it in later meetings.

Judge Lemmond was to be presented recognition awards of a plaque and a resolution award for 20 years of services in the Board of Corrections meeting.

After four years of serving as Chairman of the Liaison Committee, Roy Cherry asked Mr. Proffitt to appoint a new chairperson. Chris Webb was selected, but was unable to attend the January meeting due to illness. The committee wishes to thank Mr. Cherry for four years of a job well done as Chairman and to thank him for his participation in the Emergency Evacuation Committee. The committee welcomes Mr. Webb and looks forward to his service as chairman.

By motion duly made by the Chairman of the Liaison Committee, Roy Cherry, and seconded by several members in attendance, the meeting adjourned.