

**APPROVED**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
**BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS**  
**LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Regular Meeting.....November 17, 2021

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

Presiding.....Sheriff Steve Draper, Chairman

Present.....Vernie Francis, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
John F. Anderson, Jr., Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Heather Masters, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Roland Sherrod, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Ryan McCord, Board of Local and Regional Jails (Teleconference)  
Chris Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail  
Mike Taylor, Pittsylvania County Jail  
Chad Lipscomb, Blue Ridge Regional Jail  
Keith Lockridge. Blue Ridge Regional Jail  
Jim Pritchett, Chesterfield Count Sheriff’s Office  
Steve Clear, Southwest Virginia Regional Jail  
James Parks, Department of Corrections  
Marcia Powers, Department of Corrections  
Jerry Olson, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Paul Beaupre, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Alison, Lautz, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
John Rock, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Donna Foster, Board of Local and Regional Jails

The meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m.and Chairman Draper welcomed all attendees.

I. **Committee Chairman**

Chairman Draper called for a motion to approve the September 22, 2021 minutes.

By *Motion* by Chairman Draper, the September 22, 2021 minutes were *Approved*.

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

Ms. deSocio Updated the committee attendees saying the Compensation budget decision packages impacting jails include per diem funding reduction in the current as well as next

two years. According to a DCJS study of funding needs for the proposed Behavioral Health Care Standards in Jails, the staffing component recommended through the Compensation Board requires \$18M for fiscal year 2023 (FY23) and \$19.7M for FY24 for funding 249 Behavioral Health Case Manager positions based on a ratio to 1:160 inmates. In addition, another 253 partially funded medical/treatment positions due and not currently funded under existing standard ratio of 1:25 inmates. The study also found a need for funding for positions currently allocated but unfunded due to prior budget reductions (\$9M in FY23 and \$10M in FY24).

The 2021 Special Session of the General Assembly approved a \$3,000 bonus using federal ARPA funds for Compensation Board sworn deputies and regional jail officers. These bonuses were to be paid no later than the end of this month. The Compensation Board is working through the process of reimbursing regional jails and localities that paid the bonuses in September and October, although the majority of localities are paying the bonus in the current month. The Compensation Board anticipates reimbursements to be completed by the end of December.

Also designated through budget language in the special session, the Compensation Board participated in a workgroup reviewing compensation of sheriffs' deputies, regional jail officers, and Department of Corrections' officers (special session II, 2021 GA). Compensation Board staff presented information regarding salaries, local supplements and turnover as well as vacancy rates. Sheriffs' and regional jail associations each had the opportunity to address the workgroup with their concerns and recommendations. The work of the group is completed and she believes the report will be available soon.

The Governor's budget will be introduced to the 2022 General Assembly on December 16 and recommended proposal for funding will be made and presented to the legislature for the upcoming legislative session.

### III. **Prison/Local Jail Population Report and Jail Construction Update – Marcia Powers**

Ms. Powers reported that the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center upgrade project is set up as a three phase project. The Security upgrades are in the design/bid phase with construction expected to begin on early 2022. The Capital Renewal-HVAC is in the pre-design phase and the Capital Renewal-West Hot Water is in the construction phase with substantial completion expected in November 2022. Construction on the 400 bed new jail is well underway on Henry County Jail with an approximate 82% completion, substantial completion by February 7, 2022 and full completion expected in April 2022. Contractor is English Construction out of Lynchburg, VA.

Minor projects status:

- Montgomery County Jail – minor renovation project dormitory renovation and upgrades are completed and in the reimbursement stage. \$96.5M
- Virginia Beach Correctional Center – security master control system upgrade is completion and entering the reimbursement process. \$5.3M

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

Jim Parks reported the total for out-of-compliance inmates as 3,226 of which 2,943 are of the males and 283 are females. He advised that anyone with concerns should contact him as intakes have resumed, but only at Nottoway for males. New intakes are quarantined which ties up beds, but they have been able to work with facilities to accept intakes.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Draper praised the efforts by Mr. Parks to intake Inmates and encouraged others to call him should the need arise.

Supt. Smith expressed his concerns about the Behavioral Health Standards that are nearing the administrative process. He shared that he and several other administrators had mutual concerns with many of financial impacts from the standards. He asked that the Board revisit them with the consideration of the costs of implementation. Superintendent Smith advised that finding qualified staff to hire if funding was provided would prove difficult if not impossible with the current labor market. Mr. Francis acknowledged his concerns and agreed to address the issues with other Board members in the near future.

### IV. **Other Comments**

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