

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

APPROVED: 5/15/24

REGULAR MEETING.....March 13, 2024, 11:30 AM

PRESIDING..... Sheriff Steve Draper, Chairman

PRESENT.....The Honorable Vernie Francis, Board of Local and Regional Jails
The Honorable Charles Jett, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Roland Sherrod, Board of Local and Regional Jails
David Hackworth, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Dr. Cleopatra Booker, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Michael Carrera, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Charles Carey, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Tiffany Jenkins, Board of Local and Regional Jails
David Hackworth, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Dr. Amanda Trent, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Ryan McCord, Director of Administrative Compliance, Department of Corrections
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Alison, Lautz, Jail Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails
John Rock, Jail Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Ashley Gordon, Executive Secretary, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Gerald Olson, Architect, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Jim Parks, Virginia Department of Corrections
Robyn deSocio, State Compensation Board
Eric Smith, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General
Major Jim Pritchett, Chesterfield Sheriff’s Office
Sheriff Mike Taylor, Pittsylvania County Sheriff’s Office
William Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail
Sheriff Antionette Irving, Richmond Sheriff’s Office
Major Stacey Bagby, Richmond Sherriff’s Office
Major Tracy Stancil-Purches, Richmond Sherriff’s Office
Major Jeffrey Feighner, Richmond Sheriff’s Office
Larry Leabough, Riverside Regional Jail
Derek Almarode, Rockbridge Regional Jail
Eric Young, Middle River Regional Jail
Keith Lockridge, Blue Ridge Regional Jail
Michelle Lewis, Northern Neck Regional Jail
Major E. Luna, Northern Neck Regional Jail
Dina Davis, Martinsville Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff Steve Draper, Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

Approval of Minutes

By *Motion* of Mr. Carrera and duly seconded, the January 17, 2024, committee meeting minutes were approved.

New Business

Sheriff Draper shared that all agreed with the updates to the -1045-guidance memo.

State Compensation Board Update

Ms. deSocio provided an update from the Compensation Board. The General Assembly adjourned with a budget that differed from the introduced budget. The budget approved by the legislature includes a 3% increase across the board salary increase for state employees and state supported local employees, effective July 1st of each year. It will cover the Compensation Board funded positions, including constitutional officers, regional jails and their employees. House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 1 were identical, proposing changes to the State's minimum wage, increasing it from \$12.00 per hour to \$13.50 per hour on January 1, 2025 and \$15 per hour on January 1, 2026. Should House Bill 1 be enacted, there will be funding in the state budget to bring any Compensation Board funded positions that aren't making the new minimum salary amount up to the new state minimum wage. If House Bill 1 is not signed there will be a one-time bonus for all employees in the second year of the budget of 1.375%. Budget estimates will be available by the end of the day on March 22nd based on the changes by the legislature, and the final budgets will be approved by the Board and available on May 1st .

Offender Management Services Update

Mr. Jim Parks shared an update from DOC. He reported that the out of compliance cases are as follows: Males – 833; Females – 38; total – 871. In the process of closing Augusta Correctional Center, with approximately 200 inmates.

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