#### APPROVED

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

| Regular Meeting | January 11, 2022  |
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| Location        |   |
| Presiding       | Sheriff Steve Draper, Chairman  |
| Present         | Vernie Francis, Board of Local and Regional Jails<br>John F. Anderson, Jr., Board of Local and Regional Jails<br>Charles Jett, Board of Local and Regional Jails<br>Bobby Vasser, Board of Local and Regional Jails<br>Ryan McCord, Board of Local and Regional Jails (Teleconference)<br>Chris Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail<br>Chad Lipscomb, Blue Ridge Regional Jail<br>Keith Lockridge. Blue Ridge Regional Jail<br>Josh Salmon, Blue Ridge Regional Jail<br>Jeff Verzaski, Hampton Roads Regional Jail<br>Colleen Maxwell, Board of Local and Regional Jails<br>Jerry Olson, Board of Local and Regional Jails<br>Alison, Lautz, Board of Local and Regional Jails<br>John Rock, Board of Local and Regional Jails<br>Tawana Ferguson, Board of Local and Regional Jails |

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. and Chairman Draper welcomed all attendees.

## I. <u>Committee Chairman</u>

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

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

### **Other Business**

Chairman Draper expressed the dissemination of inmate complaints. Complaints can be sent to the jail superintendent/sheriff and contact of the jail. Chris Smith expressed that it

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could be problematic to send a response back to the boards email. Ryan Mccord, will send out a letter detailing the new process for inmate complaints moving forward.

There is no offender management service update. Superintendent 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.

### II. Other Comments

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