

Westmoreland County
Prison Board
April 25, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Sheriff Jonathan Held, Commissioner Cerilli, Commissioner Kopas, Commissioner Anderson, Controller Balzer, and District Attorney Peck. The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Held.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2016 meeting was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

Don Svetkovich of Greensburg gave each of the Board members a letter to be read during Executive Session.

The population of the prison today is 620 in-house, 641 total. The average population for March 2016 was 606 in-house and 624 total. This compares to March of 2015 when the average was 582 in-house and 597 total.

Average length of stay for March 2016 is 18.87 days as compared to March 2015 which was 17.65 days. In March 2016 there were 398 commitments and 396 releases, compared to 465 commitments and 427 releases in March 2015. So far in 2016 there have been 1158 commitments and 1097 releases compared to 1196 commitments and 1134 releases in January thru March 2015.

The rate of recidivism for March 2016 is 30.39% as compared to March 2015 which was 30.74%. Also, the March 2016 recidivism rate which also includes 48 hour and 72 hour detainees is 37.92% as compared to March 2015 which was 40.84%. January thru March 2016 recidivism rate is 31.68% and 38.67% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainees. This compares to January – March 2015 recidivism rate of 33.18% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainees, 42.29%.

There were no rentals billed in March 2016. Fines collected in March for Clerk of Courts were \$10,423.85. Total monies collected from January to March 2016 are \$27,597.40.

The Warden reported that \$ 2,168.91 has been collected for video conferencing in the month of March 2016.

In March, 141 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 46 were performed by Judge Bilik- Defazio, 33 by Judge Hathaway, 4 by Judge Pezze and 28 were performed by Domestic Relations. In addition, 30 out of county bench warrants were served. 144 District Justice hearings were held in March 2016.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the March 2016 cost per meal was \$.96 compared to \$.98 in March 2015.

In March 2016, we were 31 inmates above the cap owing \$2,344.84. 62.9% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 62. % last month. 42.9% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

The prison received Act 81 monies of \$106,704.00. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pays for the level 4 or 5 offenders serving 1-5 year sentences that are on work release.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to reconvene in public session, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the transfer of Katlynn Golkosky and Tiffany Walters from the Prison's payroll, seconded by Controller Balzer. Unanimous.

Commissioner Kopas made a motion to accept the resignations of part time Correction Officers' Michael Demis, John Beard, and Casey Ciocco, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to accept the resignation of Assistant Records Supervisor Tiffany Tressler, effective April 22, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

Controller Balzer made a motion to accept the resignation of Corrections Counselor Nick Pagano, effective April 23, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.

Controller Balzer made a motion to hire Sergeant Kenneth Miller, effective May 9, 2016, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kopas. Unanimous.