

Westmoreland County Prison  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2020

Members Present: Sheriff James Albert, Commissioner Sean Kertes (via phone), Commissioner Douglas Chew, Commissioner Gina Cerilli (via phone), Controller Jeffrey Balzer and District Attorney John Peck

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Albert.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 meeting was made by Controller Balzer seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

There was no public comment.

The population of the prison today is 468 in-house, 513 total. The average population for November 2020 was 474 in-house and 520 total. This compares to November of 2019 when the average was 653 in-house and 693 total. For January thru November 2020 the average population was 499 in-house and 545 total compared to 614 in-house and 643 total in January thru November 2019.

Average length of stay for November 2020 was 22.50 days as compared to November 2019 which was 19.19 days. For January thru November 2020 the average stay was 54.18 days compared to 41.41 in January thru November 2019.

In November 2020, there were 162 commitments and 157 releases, compared to 337 commitments and 373 releases in November 2019. For January thru November 2020 there have been 2,475 commitments and 2,579 releases compared to 4,377 commitments and 4,311 releases in January thru November 2019.

The rate of recidivism for November 2020 is 46.28% and 49.36% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers as compared to November 2019 which was 47.17% and 50.43% including the 48 & 72 hour detainers. For January thru November 2020 recidivism rate is 47.59% and 50.90% including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers. This compares to January thru November 2019 recidivism rate of 42.23% and including 48 hour and 72 hour detainers, 46.86%.

There were no Rentals collected in November 2020, totaling \$0.00. There were no Locker Revenue collected in November 2020, totaling \$377.00. Fines collected in November 2020 for Clerk of Courts were \$9,913.79, totaling \$101,973.23.

The Warden reported that \$1,452.00 has been collected for video conferencing for November 2020.

In November 2020, 174 total bench warrants have been performed via video conferencing. 33 were performed by Judge Bilik-Defazio, 9 by Judge Feliciani, 43 by Judge Mears, 36 by Judge Krieger, 4 were performed by Judge Silvis, 2 performed by Judge Stewart, 9 performed by Judge Hathaway, 10 by Judge McCormick, 1 were performed by Judge Bononi, 4 by Judge Walsh, 5 by Domestic Relations, and 18 out of county bench warrants were served. In addition, 176 District Justice hearings were held.

Nutrition Incorporated reported that the November 2020 cost per meal was \$1.43 compared to **\$0.88 in November 2019**.

For November 2020, we were under the cap by 160 inmates saving \$12,508.50. For the year we are below having saved \$102,716.24.

56.44% of incoming prisoners needed to detox upon arrival compared to 87.1% last month. 42.88% of inmates are currently on psych meds.

Controller Balzer made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Chew. Unanimous.

Controller Balzer made a motion to reconvene in public session, seconded by Commissioner Kertes. Unanimous.

Controller Balzer made a motion to rescind the hiring of Trevor A. Brough seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

Commissioner Chew made a motion to terminate Lt. Wolfe seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.

District Attorney Peck made a motion to accept the resignation of Cody Revitsky seconded by Commissioner Chew. Unanimous.

Floor project began on 9/2/2020. Completed on November 23, 2020. Due to repairs needed on automatic dishwasher extended kitchen project. Served dinner meal on the 24<sup>th</sup> on November.

Asking to provide free video visits for January 2021.

Received addition monies from GTL. November phone revenue collections were \$56,396.09.

Controller Balzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by District Attorney Peck. Unanimous.