

**The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on March 16, 2022**

**The following were Present:**

**Not Present**

Amelia Taylor Harvie  
David Felts  
Abraham Redman

Ricky Walker

Buckingham William Kidd

\*Roger Jamerson  
Daniel Braxton

Karl Carter

Cumberland

Darrell Hodges

Derek Stamey

Robert Saunders

Lunenburg Edward Pennington  
Tracy Gee

Arthur Townsend  
\*Donald Penland

Nottoway Ted Costin  
Robert Jones  
John A. Roark

\*B.R. Fulford

Prince Edward J. David Emert

\*Sarah Puckett

Douglas Stanley

\* David Wilmoth

Tony Epps

\* denotes alternates

Also present

Jail Jerry R. Townsend – Superintendent (PRJA)  
Gloria Giles - Secretary

Also present: Captain Royal Eanes – Chief of Security, Captain - PRJA  
Lt. Kevin Hicks- Head of Maintenance / firearms instructor PRJA  
Lt. Eric Hurt – Watch Commander, – PRJA  
Cpl. Alyssa Yonce- Officer PRJA

Special Guest – James W. Garnett, Jr. – Former PRJA Board Chairman, (Retired)  
Ronald E. Roark – Former PRJA Board Vice Chairman, (Retired)

The meeting was called to order by the Chairwoman.

The first order of business by Chairwoman Gee was to add to the agenda resolutions for the former PRJA Chairman and Vice Chairman. **By a motion from John Roark, seconded by Edward Pennington this request was approved.**

Mr. James W. Garnett, Jr. (former Chairman) was presented with a resolution for his dedicated service from 1988 to 2022.

Mr. Ronald E. Roark (former Vice Chairman) was presented with a resolution for his dedicated service from 1988 to 2021.

Staff in attendance introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their role at the facility. The food service personnel was recognized and appreciation was given to them for the nice meal that was prepared for today's meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on February 16, 2022 of the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board were approved, by a motion from Douglas Stanley, seconded by Edward Pennington with the correction of the title chairman to chairwoman.

The treasurers' report for February 2022 was approved by a motion from Tony Epps, seconded by John Roark.

The accounts payable for February 2022 was accepted by a motion from Douglas Stanley, seconded by Davis Emert.

The current budget was reviewed.

The commissary account was reviewed.

The Superintendent requested the Authority cover 50% of the cost for employee health insurance for both dual and family coverage for FY2023. The single employee cost will continue to be covered at 80%. **By a motion from John Roark, seconded by Douglas Stanley, this was approved.**

The Superintendent discussed the transportation report, jurisdiction report, and the billing summary for February 2022.

**Legislative Report for  
Piedmont Regional Jail Authority March 16,  
2022**

The 2022 General Assembly session adjourned March 12<sup>th</sup> as scheduled, but without finishing their work or reaching an agreement on the budget. Instead, they passed a joint resolution that will carry the budget and any unfinished legislation into a special session. Governor Youngkin will call the legislators back into a special session, but we do not know the date at this time. The budget conferees need to reach a resolution on the final budget before the Governor will call the legislators back to Richmond. The main area of disagreement is regarding tax cuts. The House of Delegates wants to include more tax cuts than the Senate, which leaves a significant difference in the amount of revenue they have to spend on other priorities. We are hopeful that the budget conferees reach an agreement soon and the legislature can pass the budget.

They need to pass a budget by June 30<sup>th</sup>, but the localities will start to put pressure on them by early May if we still don't have a budget by then. The most likely scenario is that they will return by the end of April to finish.

We can use this unanticipated delay to continue advocating for our funding. I will keep you updated as we hear more information on when it looks like we'll have a budget. As a reminder, our funding was included in the Senate budget, but not the House budget. This means that our funding is one of the issues they will have to come to an agreement on in the final budget. We've been lobbying the budget conferees and making sure they understand the importance of this funding.

The Superintendent's update addressed the following:

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1. Security Staff attending meeting will introduce themselves and give brief bio.
2. Local Choice Health Insurance reduction on employee portion for (Employee+1 and Family Plan)
3. Update (Commonwealth Strategy Group) on Unfunded positions request.
4. There are 0 positive employee with COVID and 0 positive offenders. We are still holding vaccination clinics biweekly at this time. There are **58** offenders fully vaccinated with Booster, **89**

offenders full vaccinated and **11** offenders with one dose and **237** offenders unvaccinated.

5. Wellpath (CCS) : 2 Vacancies 1 RN and 1 CMT
6. Sanitation (facility sanitation is ongoing and offenders are hard at work)
7. Outside work crew (special projects and road trash pickup)
8. Capital Projects: Bar Screen (Update and Emergency Purchase of the Auger/Grinder)
9. Moseley Architectures: Tower Replacement Update
10. Staff Vacancies (1 Food Service Supervisor, 23 Security Officers)  
The HR director (Mrs. Moses) is in charge of implementing the new Time, leave, and attendance system which will up and running soon.
11. VCBR ( 12 offenders)
12. Medication Bill (Counties)
13. Crossroads Community Services (MAT / Successful Living)
14. Visitation (Tentative Startup date May 1st )
15. Website update (Tentative completion date June 1)
16. Budget Planning for FY22/23/24 Capital Projects List

The meeting was adjourned to April 20, 2022 by a motion from Doug Stanley, seconded by Ted Costin.

**All motions carried unless noted.**

Gloria Giles, Secretary