

The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on May 17, 2023

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

Prince Edward J. David Emert

*Sarah Puckett

Douglas Stanley
* David Wilmoth
Tony Epps

* denotes alternates

Also present

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

Also present: WWBT-12 TV
Farmville Herald

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Gee.

The minutes of the meeting held on April 19, 2023 of the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board were approved, by a motion from David Emert, seconded by Robert Saunders.

The treasurer's report for April 2023 was approved by a motion from Doug Stanley, seconded by David Emert.

The accounts payable for April 2023 was accepted by a motion from David Emert, seconded by Edward Pennington.

The current budget was reviewed. A handout of a 20% reduction in many line items for the FY2024 Budget was distributed. The Superintendent reported that the medical contract had been renegotiated to 2.6 million, and the dental contract has been reduced to 130,000. The finance committee will meet to finalize the budget to present to staff at the June 21, 2023 meeting.

The commissary account was reviewed.

The Superintendent discussed the transportation report, jurisdiction report, and the billing summary for April 2023.

The Superintendent's update addressed the following:

**Board Meeting Piedmont Regional Jail Authority
May 17, 2023**

Staff attending meeting will introduce themselves and give brief bio.

Old Business

1. Medical Wellpath (CCS) : Vacancies 3 RN's and DON
2. Westwood Medication Bill (April 2023)
3. Sanitation / Renovations (Conference Center and Suicide Prevention)
4. Capital Projects Update : Bar Screen / Key Watcher Touch
5. Security Vacancies (Security Officer 28)
6. VCBR (13 offenders)
7. GED and Special Education Classes Update (6 females/ 8 males)
8. Successful Living Program (2 females / 6 Males)
9. Body Scanner for Front Gate
10. Pay for Performance and Shift Differential Pay (tabled)

New Business

1. Update on Escape (Security Enhancements)
2. Exterior Door Lock Replacements (17 exterior Doors)
3. Perimeter Fence Enhancement (Additional Razor Wire)
4. Summary Report from Escape
5. Working on Cost analysis for housing federal offenders.

Doug Stanley will help with this cost analysis

- 6. Administrative Investigation Report/ Final press release**
- 7. Facility Operations (Restricted Movement)**

Normal operations will resume Monday May 22, 2023

The following Capital Projects list for next fiscal year was distributed. The Superintendent stressed that this capital list includes the waste management system of around \$500,000 to be paid for by the counties.

**Piedmont Regional Jail Capital Projects List 2023/2024
May 17, 2023**

Projects are prioritized

FY 2023/2024

- 1. Complete Bar Screen (Waste Water) Project: \$500,000.00
Appropriated FY22**
- 2. JMS Suicide Prevention Project Completion: \$150,000.00 this is
Including (A, B, C, D and 03 pod)**
- 3. Willo Locks (M and D pod): 100,000.00 (Complete B and C pods in
FY24/25)**
- 4. Perimeter Fence Enhancement: \$370,000.00**
- 5. Replace Exterior Doors and Locks through attrition (17 Doors).
These doors shall have an audible and visual alarm connected: \$\$\$
Unknown at this time**
- 6. Electronic Mail System? \$100,000.00**
- 7. Replace flooring in Tray Room in kitchen: \$ 150,000.00**
- 8. Upgrade Housing unit Control Panels (Major Capital Project)**

FY 2024/2025

- 1. Body Scanner (Front Entrance): \$160,000.00 Warehouse:**
- 2. Repave Perimeter Road and Training House Road: \$150,000.00**
- 3. Administration Building:**
- 4. Warehouse:**

**5. Annex Housing (Work Release/Outside Workers/Weekenders) /
Medical Housing Unit)**

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-3711(A1) to discuss a personnel matter and pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-3711(A19) to discuss security public safety, (to discuss security issues and personnel performance).

On a motion by David Emert, seconded by Doug Stanley and carried, the Board entered into closed session pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-3711(A1) to discuss a personnel matter and pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-3711(A19) to discuss security public safety.

On a motion by David Emert, seconded by Doug Stanley and carried, the Board returned to open session.

"WHEREAS, the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board ("Board") convened a Closed Session Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

Tracy Gee, Chairwoman	- aye
Robert Jones, Nottoway County	- aye
Ted Costin, Nottoway County	-aye
Taylor Harvie, Amelia County	- aye
Abraham Redman, Amelia County	-aye
Robert Saunders, Cumberland County	- aye
Darrell Hodges, Cumberland County	-aye
Edward Pennington, Lunenburg County	- aye
Donald Penland, Lunenburg County	-aye
Douglas Stanley, Prince Edward County	- aye
Tony Epps, Prince Edward County	-aye
David Felts, Amelia County	- aye
Ricky Walker, Amelia County	-aye
William Kidd, Buckingham County	-aye
Derek Stamey, Cumberland County	-aye
Karl Carter, Buckingham County	-aye
David Emert, Prince Edward County	-aye

On a motion by David Emert, seconded by Edward Pennington the meeting was adjourned to the regular meeting on June 21, 2023.

All motions carried unless noted.

Gloria Giles, Secretary