

The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on March 20, 2024

The following were **Present:**

Not Present

Amelia Taylor Harvie

David Felts
*Phillip Siegle

Ricky Walker

Buckingham William Kidd

*Albert Jamerson
Daniel Braxton
Karl Carter

Cumberland
Derek Stamey

Darrell Hodges

Robert Saunders

Lunenburg Edward Pennington
Tracy Gee

Arthur Townsend
*Donald Penland

Nottoway Steve Bowen
Robert Jones
William Collins

Martina Chandler

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: Major Lanay Walker
Lt Kevin Hicks
Rex Clark – Officer
Alan McDaniel – Officer
Alyssa Younce – Sgt.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairwoman, Tracy Gee.

The Board and staff in attendance introduced themselves.

The minutes of the meeting held on February 21, 2024 of the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board were approved, by a motion from David Emert, seconded by Edward Pennington.

The treasurer's report for February 2024 was approved by a motion from Douglas Stanley, seconded by David Emert.

The accounts payable for February 2024 was approved by a motion from Tony Epps, seconded by Edward Pennington.

The Budget was reviewed.

The commissary account was reviewed.

The Superintendent discussed the transportation report, jurisdiction report, and the billing summary for February 2024.

The Superintendent continued with his Agenda:

Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting Agenda

March 20, 2024

Staff attending meeting will introduce themselves and give brief bio.

Old Business

1. Westwood Medication Bill (February 2024)
2. Capital Projects Update: Bar Screen Project **(Completed)**
Lt. Kevin Hicks described how the new state of the art Bar Screen operates and the features that notify of any malfunction.
3. **Key Watcher Touch Update (Main Jail)**
4. Security Vacancies (6 officers)
5. VCBR (19 offenders)
6. GED and Special Education Classes Update **(Going Well)**
7. Successful Living Program **(Going Well)**
8. Successful Living Peer Support Group **(Going Well)**
9. Religious Services **(Going Well)**
10. Drivers Education Class **(Going Well)**
11. Pay for Performance and Shift Differential Pay

12. Cost analysis for housing federal offenders. (Effective December 1st 2023 there no longer an exemption for federal offenders. Current per diem rate is 65 dollars. \$75 dollars per diem for any over 92. Per Jail Cost report 2022 indicates that we should be charging \$77.51 expenditures per diem with debt services.
13. CML has been award the contract (\$1,486,731.00) to enhance exterior doors (audio/visual alarms) and interior cell doors with light indicators to identify when doors are secured verses unsecured. Also to install entrance sallyports prior when entering control rooms.
14. Capital Projects list dated January 2024

New Business

1. Discuss Budget Proposal for FY 24/25
The board reviewed the proposed budget for FY25. This will be considered at the next meeting (Pending State budget approval). The Superintendent is confident that if the proposed budget is approved with the capital projects requested, capital projects will significantly reduce in future budgets.
2. Perimeter Fence Enhancement (Fence Detection System) Pre-Bid Conference for fence detection October 11, 2023. Had several attendees. Closes on 10/30/2023. Three bids received were James River Communications, Powhatan, Va. \$160,689.28 / Standford Federal, Stafford Virginia \$86,636.00. / ASI Security Inc., Virginia Beach \$136,123.22 (Update).
3. K9 Status
The current K9 has aged out. The cost of replacing the current K9 is being investigated.

Program Updates:

The Superintendent Informed the board that a representative from the Social Security administration will assist offenders with obtaining a Social Security Card.

A representative from DMV Connect will help offenders to obtain an ID Card.

**** Close Session if Needed ****

By a motion from William Kidd seconded by Tony Epps, the meeting was adjourned to April 17, 2024.

All motions carried unless noted.

Gloria Giles, Secretary