

The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on May 15, 2024

The following were **Present:**

Not Present

Amelia Taylor Harvie
David Felts
Ricky Walker

*Phillip Siegle

Buckingham William Kidd
Daniel Braxton
Karl Carter

*Albert Jamerson

Cumberland Darrell Hodges
Derek Stamey
Robert Saunders

Lunenburg Edward Pennington
Tracy Gee

Arthur Townsend
*Donald Penland

Nottoway Steve Bowen
Robert Jones
William Collins

Prince Edward
J. David Emert
Douglas Stanley
* David Wilmoth
Tony Epps

*Sarah Puckett

* Denotes alternates

Also present

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

Also present: Major Lanay Walker
Lt Charles Scott
Lorraine Eanes – Officer
Lt. James Caddell – Investigator
Anglela Fleshman – Officer
James Wood – Officer
Jamar Blackwell – Officer

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 April 17, 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 April 2024 was approved by a motion from David Emert, seconded by Tony Epps.

The accounts payable for April 2024 was approved by a motion from Douglas Stanley, 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 April 2024.

The Superintendent continued with his Agenda:

Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting Agenda

May 15, 2024

Staff attending meeting will introduce themselves and give brief bio.

Old Business

1. Westwood Medication Bill (April 2024)
2. Capital Projects Update: Bar Screen Project **(Completed)**
3. **Key Watcher Touch Update (Main Jail)**
4. Security Vacancies (6 officers)
5. VCBR (16 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. **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.**
12. **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.**
13. **Capital Projects list dated January 2024**
14. **K9 Replacement in FY 24/25**

New Business

1. **Approve FY 24/25 Budget Appropriations**
Doug Stanley made a motion seconded by Edward Pennington to appropriate the funds to support the FY2025 budget that was approved at the April meeting.
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. **Submitted documentation requesting increase in price per diem for housing federal offenders. Also, a price increase for hourly rate for security staff. The mileage rate will be the government rate.**
The new requested rate is \$105.00 per inmate day and \$35.00 per hour for staff.
4. **Replaced Ice Machines (I building and L Building)**

K-9 Officer Arthur explained to the board that our current K-9 has aged out. It is becoming harder for him to certify. The cost to replace the K-9 and train both dog and officer is between \$10,000 and \$15,000. He is looking at a dual-purpose K-9.

Lt. Caddell showed the board examples of shanks found during routine searches in the jail. He informed them that other substances were also being found within the facility. A dual-purpose K-9 would be able to help with finding these substances and weapons.

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

By a motion from Darrell Hodges seconded by Robert Saunders the meeting was adjourned to June 12, 2024.

All motions carried unless noted.

_____, Secretary