

The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on September 25, 2024

The following were **Present:**

Not Present

Amelia Clarence Monday
David Felts
*Phillip Siegle

Ricky Walker

Buckingham

William Kidd
*Albert Jamerson
Daniel Braxton

Karl Carter

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
*Sarah Puckett

Douglas Stanley
* David Wilmoth

Tony Epps

* Denotes alternates

Also, present

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

Also present: Major Royal Eanes
Major Lanay Walker
Stephanie Hernandez – LT transportation
Taylor Harvie – Amelia County Citizen
Dexter Jones – Amelia County Board of Supervisors

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

Tracey Gee asked to add the presentation of a resolution to Taylor Harvie to the Agenda. Doug Stanley made this motion seconded by Edward Pennington.

Tracy Gee made this presentation to Taylor Harvie.

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

The treasurer's report for August 2024 was approved by a motion from Derek Stamey, seconded by Doug Stanley.

The bills/warrants for August 2024 were approved by a motion from Edward Pennington, seconded by William Collins.

The Budget was reviewed.

The commissary account was reviewed. **(commissary funds have increased)**

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

The Superintendent continued with his Agenda:

Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting Agenda

September 25, 2024

Staff attending meeting will introduce themselves and give brief bio.

Old Business

1. Capital Projects Update: Bar Screen Project **(Completed)**
2. **Key Watcher Touch Update (Release /Intake Department Operational) In process of gearing up Main Jail key system.**
3. Security Vacancies (10 officers)
4. VCBR (16 offenders)
5. GED and Special Education Classes Update **(Going Well)**
6. Successful Living Program **(Going Well)**
7. Successful Living Peer Support Group **(Graduation June there were 9 graduates)**
8. Religious Services **(Going Well)**
9. Drivers Education Class **(Going Well)**

10. 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 2023 indicates that we should be charging \$87.12 expenditures per diem with debt services.
11. 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.
12. FY 24/25 Budget and appropriations approved in May 2024
13. Commissary Storage Replacement (October 1 tentative completion date)
14. K9 Replacement and Officer Training scheduled for (January 2025) four weeks of training. Retire Badger and donate to Officer Arthur (K9 Handler)
15. FCC telecommunication rates update
16. **Pending Approval:** 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 Superintendent signed the new contract with the Feds. The new daily rate is \$93.00. The new officer rate is \$35.00 per hour. The effective date for these changes is November 1, 2024.)

New Business

1. Updated CIP 24/25
2. Chairwoman Gee and Vice Chairman Stanley reviewed contract and service agreement prior to executing Contract for Fence Detection System (Fence Intrusion System) with target date of project completion January 2025.
3. Westwood Medication Bill (August 2024).
4. **CML Project Payment Timeline (Updated Handout 7/1/2024)**

5. PD#24 starting additional Reentry Programs (Decision Points and Making it on Supervision"
6. Rooms for staff housing completed (recruitment/inclement weather)

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

The Superintendent informed the board a Robinson, Farmer, Cox representative will be at the October 16, 2024 meeting for the financial audit presentation.

Tracy Gee informed the board that the personnel committee is reviewing data relating to Superintendent Townsend's evaluation. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

By a motion from Doug Stanley seconded by Edward Pennington the meeting was adjourned to October 16, 2024.

All motions carried unless noted.

Victoria Giles, Secretary