

The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on June 16, 2021 via WebEx hosted by Taylor Harvie

The following were **Present:**

Not Present

Amelia Taylor Harvie
David Felts
Ricky Walker

Abraham Redman

Buckingham Frank Knott
Rebecca Carter

William Kidd
*Roger Jamerson

Cumberland Don Unmussig
Robert Saunders

Darrell Hodges

Lunenburg Edward Pennington
Tracy Gee

Arthur Townsend
*Donald Penland

Nottoway John Anzivino
John A. Roark

Robert Jones

*C.L. Abernathy Jr.

Prince Edward James Garnett
Douglas Stanley
Tony Epps

*Sarah Puckett

* David Wilmoth

* denotes alternates

Also present

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting held on May 19, 2021 of the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board were approved by a motion from John Roark, seconded by Frank Knott.

The treasurers' report for May 2021 was approved by a motion from Douglas Stanley, seconded by John Roark.

The accounts payable for May 2021 was accepted by a motion from John Roark, seconded by Frank Knott.

The current budget was reviewed.

The commissary account was reviewed.

The Superintendent discussed the transportation report, jurisdiction report, and the billing summary for May 2021.

The Superintendent's update addressed the following:

There are currently no positive cases of COVID for either offenders or staff.

Wellpath has a vacant HSA position and 2 RN positions. They continue to advertise.

The jail is on lockdown for the quarterly shakedown.

Sanitation Continues within the jail as well as outside to include grounds upgrades and maintenance. More offender workers are being added to the work programs.

L1 housing unit is being renovated to house weekends.

12 hour shifts seem to be going well with minimum drafting.

The motto, mission statement, and vision statement are on the first page of the board package. Any feedback is welcomed.

The camera project is on schedule. CCTV and should be on site to complete the project within the next week or so.

There are 14 security staff vacancies and 3 cook positions vacant. Recruitment continues.

The medication bills for the member localities have greatly reduced.

K-9 handler completes school tomorrow. The K9 will then be available for use.

Search of employees, contractors and visitors began on June 14th and as is going well.

The first work crews were sent out this month beginning in Prince Edward and Lunenburg counties. This will be expanded as staffing allows. All counties are encouraged to contact the Superintendent of special project needs.

Crossroads and MAT Programs continue to recruit participation for offenders with mental health issues and help with drug addiction withdrawal. They are looking into ways to enhance the current services and provide additional services to the offender population.

The Pre Trial Services are going well.

The recent meeting with VCBR proved to be a very productive meeting. There are currently 12 VCBR offenders in the jail.

The financial pre audit is scheduled for July 27th and 28th by Mary Earhart. The financial audit is scheduled for the week of August 30th pending engagement letter receipt and approval.

There are currently two cases in litigation.

Tracy Gee presented the FY2022 budget recommended by the finance committee. After discussion, the budget was approved with a reduction in the capital improvements budget of \$105,000 and a reduction in the IT position with benefits in the amount of \$33,669.06. The IT position will have a start date of January 1, 2022. The county contributions were reduced by these amounts. Tracy Gee made a motion seconded by John Roark that the FY2022 budget be approved with the noted adjustments and funds be appropriated to support this budget in the amount of \$12,887,490.

The meeting was adjourned to July 21, 2021 at the jail's conference center.

All motions carried unless noted.

_____, Secretary