

The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on May 19, 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 Tracy Gee

Edward Pennington

Arthur Townsend
*Donald Penland

Nottoway John Anzivino
Robert Jones

John A. Roark
*C.L. Abernathy Jr.

Prince Edward James Garnett
Douglas Stanley

*Sarah Puckett

* David Wilmoth
Tony Epps

* denotes alternates

Also present

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Taylor Harvie brought to the attention of the board that it may not be possible to continue the monthly meetings using WEBEX once the Governor declares the state of emergency for the pandemic to be over. The jail attorney will be consulted for clarification.

The minutes of the meeting held on April 21, 2021 of the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board were approved by a motion from Frank Knott, seconded by Tracy Gee.

The treasurers' report for April 2021 was approved by a motion from Douglas Stanley, seconded by Don Unmussig.

The accounts payable for April 2021 was accepted by a motion from Frank Knott, seconded by Robert Saunders.

The current budget was reviewed.

The commissary account was reviewed.

The Superintendent discussed the transportation report, jurisdiction report, and the billing summary for April 2021. Home electronic monitoring and weekender numbers will increase beginning in June when these programs are re-implemented according to pre pandemic guidelines.

The Superintendent's update addressed the following:

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

Wellpath has a vacant HSA position. They continue to advertise.

Gloria Giles informed the board that the proposed budget that was submitted to Tracy Gee was accurate. The personnel cost included were approved by the governor. Tracy Gee stated that the budget will be reviewed and a budget would be available for the board to vote on at the June meeting.

Sanitation Continues within the jail

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

The roof repair has been completed. No leaks have been identified thus far.

The cameral project was awarded to CCTV and should be completed by mid-June.

There are 15 staff vacancies. Recruitment continues. Six new staff are scheduled to begin duty by the end of the month.

The Mission Statement, Mascot selection, Motto and Vision statement will be included in the June board packet.

The medication bills for the member localities have greatly reduced.

K-9 handler has 5 more weeks of school. K-9 will then be on sight for utilization.

Search of employees, contractors and visitors will begin the first week of June.

An offender visitor policy is being developed.

The jail has entered into a MOU with Prince Edward County to use offender work force for trash pickup. Road crew services will begin in June starting with Prince Edward. This will be expanded as staffing allows. All counties are encouraged to contact the Superintendent of special projects.

The contract for the increase in the daily rate for federal inmates should be received soon. The rate will increase from \$53.00 per day to \$65.00 per day for up to 92 inmates and the daily rate will increase to \$75.00 per day for more than 92 inmates.

The Keefe commissary contract has been renegotiated. This included an increase in commission and an IT grant to be used to update equipment and the Webpage.

A pre-trial service has been implemented to help determine bond eligibility for offenders.

The meeting was adjourned to June 16, 2021 via WebEx.

All motions carried unless noted.

_____, **Secretary**