

The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on November 17, 2021

The following were **Present:**

Not Present

Amelia Taylor Harvie
David Felts
Ricky Walker

Abraham Redman

Buckingham

William Kidd
*Roger Jamerson
Daniel Braxton

Karl Carter

Cumberland Darrell Hodges

Robert Saunders

Lunenburg Edward Pennington
Tracy Gee

Arthur Townsend
*Donald Penland

Nottoway Ted Costin
Robert Jones
John A. Roark

*B.R. Fulford

Prince Edward James Garnett

*Sarah Puckett
Douglas Stanley
* 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.

The minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2021 of the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board were approved by a motion from John Roark, seconded by Edward Pennington.

The treasurers' report for October 2021 was approved by a motion from David Felts, seconded by Darrell Hodges.

The accounts payable for October 2021 was accepted by a motion from Tracy Gee, seconded by Robert Jones.

The current budget was reviewed.

The commissary account was reviewed.

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

The Superintendent requested that the board appoint a Service Agreement and By-Laws review committee to consider changes to the board meeting schedule and the billing schedule. The committee members are Tracy Gee, Robert Saunders, John Roark, Karl Carter, Ricky Walker, and James Garnett.

The Superintendent's update addressed the following:

1. COVID / Vaccine Update: There are 1 positive COVID employees, 0 offenders at this time. There has been 67 staff fully vaccinated, 32 offenders partially vaccinated, 290 offenders fully vaccinated. There are 70 vaccines presently on inventory.
2. Random testing of all unvaccinated staff/ visitors and contractors will only be tested if requesting contact with offenders or other staff. **Total of 33 has been tested and zero positives.**
3. Budget (Administrative Assistant)
4. Wellpath Medical Update: 2 Vacancies (RN's) The Superintendent continues to monitor the medical department and the struggles within the department. The contract renewal amount is being negotiated.
5. Sanitation (Ongoing)
6. Capital Projects: Bar Screen (RFP being drafted by Timmons Group)
Walk-in Freezer and Generator purchase awaiting arrival.
7. Staff Vacancies (1 Food Service Supervisor, 1 cook, 21 Security Officers)
8. VCBR (21 clients)
9. Medication Bill (Counties) no report available

10. Visitation (TBA)
11. Moseley Architectures (Tower Replacement) awaiting proposal.
12. Commonwealth Strategy Group (lobbyist for unfunded positions and language change in appropriations Act) briefing by Chairman Garnett and Superintendent. The Superintendent provided a document from the Lobbyist detailing the process. They are encouraged that with the change in the governor's office this may benefit this request. They will provide a monthly updated as this process moves forward.
13. ARPA Funding Request Update (County Administrators) the County committees have not met to consider this request.
14. Compensation Board Bonus Payment (November 29th)
15. Bi-monthly Board Meetings
16. Website

The Superintendent informed the board that salary increases and alignments and a more affordable health care plan are areas of concern.

All motions carried unless noted.

Gloria Giles, Secretary