

The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on February 16, 2022 via WebEx hosted by Taylor Harvie

The following were Present:

Not Present

Amelia Taylor Harvie
David Felts
Abraham Redman

Ricky Walker

Buckingham

William Kidd
*Roger Jamerson

Daniel Braxton
Karl Carter

Cumberland

Darrell Hodges
Derek Stamey

Robert Saunders

Lunenburg

Edward Pennington
Tracy Gee

Arthur Townsend
*Donald Penland

Nottoway

Ted Costin
Robert Jones

John A. Roark

*B.R. Fulford

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: Captain Lanay Walker – Administrative Captain - Jail
Lt. Kevin Hicks- Head of Maintenance / firearms instructor Jail
Paula Saunders - Cook –Jail
Anne Turner- The Local Choice Representative
Lauren Schmitt – Commonwealth Strategy Group

The meeting was called to order by the Chairwoman.
The roll was called and it was determined that there was a quorum.

Anne Turner with the local choice explained the health insurance plan, and the factors responsible for the increase in rates. She will provide claim experience documents to help further this explanation. While there are changes to the management and enrollment systems including reporting and open enrollment deadlines for the plan, the benefits remain the same.

Lauren Schmitt with Commonwealth Strategy group was introduced and updated the board on the progress to include the additional requested positions for the jail in the governor's budget, as outlined below.

**Legislative Report for Piedmont Regional Jail Authority
February 16, 2022**

This week was "Crossover" in the General Assembly, which is the official halfway mark. From now on, each chamber can only consider legislation that was passed by the other chamber. The bills "crossover" to the next chamber. A bill must pass both the Senate and House of Delegates before it can be signed by the Governor into law.

This upcoming Sunday, February 20th, is known as "Budget Sunday." This is when the Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees release their proposed budgets. It is our goal for our funding to be included in one of the budgets, if not both. We will notify you as soon as we have read through the budget proposals on Sunday.

If we are in both budgets that is a huge win and means we will get our funding in the final budget. If we are not included in either budget, we will unfortunately have no chance of receiving the funding in the final budget. If we are included in budget, but not the other, we will advocate over the next few weeks to be included in the final budget.

Budget conferees are appointed to a budget compromise committee to determine the final budget. It will be our top priority to lobby all of the budget conferees if we are included in only one budget.

We have been meeting with staff and legislators about the funding request and why Piedmont urgently needs additional staff positions. We sent a letter to every member of the budget subcommittees on behalf of the Board. Superintendent Townsend and Vice-Chair Doug Stanley came to Richmond in early February and has several productive meetings with legislators, including the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

We will continue to lobby legislators on your behalf and will let you know the outcome of Sunday's budget presentations.

The minutes of the meeting held on January 19, 2022 of the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board were approved, by a motion from Tony Epps, seconded by Robert Saunders.

The treasurers' report for January 2022 was approved by a motion from Tony Epps, seconded by Robert Saunders.

The accounts payable for January 2022 was accepted by a motion from Darrell Hodges, seconded by Edward Pennington.

The current budget was reviewed. Chairwoman Gee called attention to revenues being low and asked that expenses be kept as low as possible.

The commissary account was reviewed.

The Superintendent discussed the transportation report, jurisdiction report, and the billing summary for January 2022.

The Superintendent's update addressed the following:

1. Presentation by Local Choice Health Insurance (Anne Turner)
2. Presentation by Lauren Schmitt (Commonwealth Strategy Group) Unfunded positions.
3. Staff attending meeting will introduce themselves and give brief bio.
4. There are 1 positive employee with COVID and 2 positive offenders. We are still holding vaccination clinics twice per month at this time. There are 58 offenders fully vaccinated with Booster, 89 offenders full vaccinated and 11 offenders with one dose and 237 offenders unvaccinated. There have been 21 employees rapid tested the month of January 2022. Medical has 30 vaccines on hand and have order 100 additional vaccines. They have 1000 rapid test for offenders. Captain Eanes has 300 rapid test for unvaccinated staff.
5. Wellpath (CCS) : 1 Vacancy (CMT)
6. Sanitation (facility sanitation is ongoing and offenders are hard at work)
7. Outside work crew (special projects and road trash pickup)
8. Capital Projects: Bar Screen (Update and Emergency Purchase of the Auger/Grinder).
(by a motion from Derek Stamey, seconded by Roberts Saunders, the board approved the

purchase of the Auger/grinder at a cost of \$100,000 as an emergency expense.)

9. Walk-in Freezer and Generator Update
10. Moseley Architectures (See pictures of towers currently at PRJ verses replacement towers) still awaiting proposal.
Timmons group is currently gathering pricing for this project, however the Superintendent expects this project to cost about \$200,000 per tower. *The board asked that the procurement officer research obtaining a pre-established set of plans from the manufacturer to save the architect cost for this project.*
11. Staff Vacancies (1 Food Service Supervisor, 22 Security Officers)
12. VCBR (17 offenders)
13. Medication Bill (Counties)
14. Crossroads Community Services (MAT / Successful Living)
15. Visitation (TBA)
16. ARPA Funding Request Update (Bar Screen and reimbursement for lost pay)
17. Health Insurance Cost (see attachment in board packet Jails) *The Superintendent requests that employee plus one and family coverage cost be covered at 50% by the authority.*
18. Website update (Group photo of the Jail Board) *a reminder will be sent out for photo to be taken at next month's meeting.*
19. Budget Planning for FY22/23

The meeting was adjourned to March 16, 2022 by a motion from Robert Saunders, seconded by Derek Stamey.

All motions carried unless noted.

Gloria Giles, Secretary