

**The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on May 21, 2025**

**The following were Present:**

**Not Present**

Amelia      Eric Pollitt  
              David Felts  
              \*Phillip Siegle

Ricky Walker

Buckingham William Kidd  
  
              Karl Carter

\*Albert Jamerson  
Daniel Braxton

Cumberland  
  
              Derek Stamey  
  
              Robert Saunders

Darrell Hodges

Lunenburg      Edward Pennington  
  
                      Arthur Townsend

Tracy Gee

\*Donald Penland

Nottoway      Steve Bowen  
                      Robert Jones  
                      William Collins

Prince Edward  
                      J. David Emert  
  
                      Douglas Stanley  
              \* David Wilmoth

\*Sarah Puckett

Tony Epps

\* Denotes alternates

Also, present

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

Also present: Major Lanay Walker  
                      Charles Scott – LT Training  
                      Officers: Wiley, Wardell, Willis, Fulcher, Brookes  
                      James Caddell – Investigator  
                      Destiny Tucker – Intel Officer  
                      K9 Officer – Jeff Arthur

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman Douglas Stanley.

Guests in attendance and board members introduced themselves.

The minutes of the meeting held on April 16, 2025 of the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board were approved, by a motion from David Emert, seconded by Derek Stamey.

The treasurer's report for April 2025 was approved by a motion from David Emert, seconded by Edward Pennington.

The bills/warrants for April 2025 were approved by a motion from David Emert, seconded by William Collins.

The Budget was reviewed

The commissary account was reviewed.

**The Superintendent requested to move \$50,000 from the commissary account to the commissary money market account.**

**Edward Pennington made a motion seconded by Arthur Townsend, to transfer \$50,000 from the commissary account to the commissary money market account.**

The Superintendent discussed the transportation report, jurisdiction report, and the billing summary for April 2025.

The Superintendent continued with his Agenda:

## **Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting Agenda**

May 21, 2025

Staff attending meeting will introduce themselves and give brief bio.

### **Old Business**

1. **Key Watcher Touch Update (Release /Intake Department Operational) Working process of gearing up Main Jail key system.**
2. Security Vacancies (6 officers)
3. VCBR (13 offenders)
4. GED and Special Education Classes Update **(Going Well)**
5. Successful Living Program **(Going well)**
6. Successful Living Peer Support Group **(Going well)**
7. Religious Services **(Going Well)**
8. Drivers Education Class **(Going Well)**
9. Cost analysis for housing federal offenders. **(Effective November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 Per diem rate is 93 dollars (Approved).**

10. 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.
11. Commissary Storage Replacement (awaiting Final Inspection from Building Inspector)
12. Fence Intrusion System (Tentative Completion Date TBA)
13. Decision Points and "Making it on Supervision" District #24

### **New Business**

1. April 2025 Facility Scorecard
2. Transfer 50,000.00 Commissary Funds to Money Market
3. Training update on Emergency Response Team, Honor Guard and Electronic Testing
4. Investigations Update (Drugs and Contraband Control)
5. Update on Staff Searches
6. Shake down Team (3 to 4 officers and Supervisor)
7. Statement Of Economic Interest (Reminder for Board Members)
8. Medication Statements (April 2025)
9. Capital Projects Update (Superintendent)  
**Projects should be completed by June 30th**
10. FCC Telecommunication Contract Negotiations (Via Path)  
**Contract was signed for \$250,00 per year with a \$30,000 annual IT grant included and a one time \$155,000 equipment grant. Every offender will have access to their own tablet which will be accessed by facial recognition. The tablets will be leased by offenders for \$25.00. Tablets are scheduled to be online 6 weeks from May 16, 2025. Via Path will provide a full-time tech (paid by Via Path) to be on site to handle all issues with the tablets.**

## 11.FY2026 Budget Approval and Appropriation of Funds

Edward Pennington made a motion, seconded by William Kidd to approve the FY2026 budget as presented with the 5% salary increase and a one time 1.5% bonus as presented in the amount of \$17,537,663 and to appropriate the funds to support this budget.

The motion carried with a vote of 12 in favor, 2 opposed (Derek Stamey and David Emert) and 1(Robert Saunders) abstaining.

### \*\* Close Session if Needed \*\*

On a motion by David Emert, seconded by Edward Pennington and carried, the Board entered into closed session pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-3711(A7) to discuss probable litigation.

*"WHEREAS, the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board ("Board") convened a Closed Session Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and*

*WHEREAS, Section §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.*

Eric Pollitt, Amelia County	- aye
David Felts, Amelia County	-aye
Phillip Siegle, Amelia County	-aye
William Kidd, Buckingham County	- aye
Karl Carter, Buckingham County	-aye
Robert Saunders, Cumberland County	-aye
Derek Stamey, Cumberland County	-aye
Arthur Townsend, Lunenburg County	- aye
Edward Pennington, Lunenburg County	- aye
Steve Bowen, Nottoway County	-aye
Robert Jones, Nottoway County	-aye
William Collins, Nottoway County	-aye
Davis Wilmouth, Prince Edward County	- aye
David Emert, Prince Edward County	-aye
Douglas Stanley, Prince Edward County	-aye

*David Emert made a motion, seconded by Edward Pennington and unanimously approved, to return to Open Session."*

The board decided to cancel the June 25, 2025 jail board meeting.

By a motion from David Emert seconded by Edward Pennington the meeting was adjourned to July 16, 2025.

**All motions carried unless noted.**

Gloria Gile, Secretary