

**The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on February 18, 2026**

The following were **Present:**

**Not Present**

Amelia      Eric Pollitt  
              David Felts  
              Ricky Walker

\*Phillip Siegle

Buckingham William Kidd  
                  Karl Carter

\*Albert Jamerson

Cumberland

Darrell Hodges

Chris Simpson  
Robert Saunders

Lunenburg    Edward Pennington  
                  Tracy Gee

Arthur Townsend  
\*Donald Penland

Nottoway     Steve Bowen  
                  Robert Jones  
                  William Collins

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: Major Royal Eanes  
                  Lt. Charles Scott  
                  Olen Jessie - Officer  
                  Jason Long - Officer  
                  David Jones – Officer  
                  Shrita Childress – RN  
                  Denise Wade- Officer  
                  Tiann Huff – RN

Crystal Knight – Counselor  
Bridget Tisdale – Compliance & Accreditation  
Derek Stamey

The meeting was called to order by the Chairwoman Tracy Gee.  
Guests in attendance and board members introduced themselves.

The minutes of the meeting held on January 21, 2026 of the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board were approved, by a motion from David Emert, seconded by Edward Pennington.

The treasurer's report for January 2026 was approved by a motion from David Emert, seconded by Edward Pennington.

The warrants for January 2026 were approved by a motion from William Kidd, seconded by David Emert.

The Budget was reviewed  
The finance committee (County Administrators) will set up a meeting to consider the FY2027 proposed budget.

The commissary account was reviewed.

The Superintendent discussed the transportation report, jurisdiction report, and the billing summary for January 2026.

The Superintendent noted that the budget was a spending plan that varied as needs arise. Steve Bowen asked if with the amount of money in the bank account there should be a tipping point to use surplus funds provide relief to the county contributions to the jail. The Superintendent suggested that funds due from the state for completed projects be moved to the money market account upon receipt. He noted that with the amount of per diem costs now being recovered by the compensation board that the current bank balance will be dramatically reduced. The finance committee will look into a cap on fund balances during their upcoming discussion.

Crystal Knight and Bridget Tisdale presented a review of all the programs now offered at the jail. This presentation included how far we have come and our goals for the future. The Superintendent asked the county administrators to request that part of the abatement money received by their county be forwarded to the jail to support the McShin foundation program at the jail. By a motion from David Emert, seconded by Edward Pennington it was decided that the Superintendent will send a letter to each county requesting that they participate in this endeavor.

The Superintendent continued with his Agenda:

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

February 18, 2026

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 (10 officers)
3. VCBR (12 offenders)
4. **Adult GED Classes and Special Education Classes (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. McShin Foundation **(Going Well)**
10. Cost analysis for housing federal offenders. **(Effective November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 Per diem rate is 93 dollars (Approved).**
11. **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.**
12. Commissary Building: (Final Renovation Inspection has been completed and approved by Building Inspector)
13. **Fence Intrusion System (Completed)**
14. **Decision Points and "Making it on Supervision" District #24 (Going Well)**
15. Reimbursement from Capitol Projects (Got approval from BOLRJ for change orders on capital projects, wastewater and recreation towers in the amount of \$279,827 for 2027)
16. Contraband Detectors (I Building, L Building and Main Hall)
17. Security Operations Semi Assessment
18. **Sallyport Gate House (Completed)**

### **New Business**

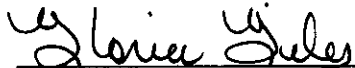
1. Medication Statement (January 2026)
2. Programs Update (Mrs. Tisdale and Mrs. Knight)

3. Renovation of Main Control, Release Department and Administrative Offices work in progress.
4. Federal Recovery Cost (Increase)
5. Roving Patrol Post (Night Shift 12/7 Days Week Initially) or Controlled Electronic Gate
6. CorTrax (Electronic Rounds) start infrastructure in March
7. FY27 Draft Budget
8. FY27 Capital Improvement Plan

**\*\* Close Session if needed \*\***

By a motion from David Emert seconded by Edward Pennington the meeting was adjourned to March 18, 2026.

**All motions carried unless noted.**

, Secretary