

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

The following were Present:

Not Present

Amelia Eric Pollitt
 David Felts

*Phillip Siegle
Ricky Walker

Buckingham William Kidd

*Albert Jamerson

Karl Carter

Cumberland

Darrell Hodges

Jay Scudder
Robert Saunders

Chris Simpson

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
Jaquan Henry - Officer
Kendrick Marshall - Officer
Tempie Walton-Berry – DON
Camellia Patman- HR Director Officer
Verlesha Holman – AOS
Jackson Moore – PE intern

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 February 18, 2026 of the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board were approved, by a motion from Douglas Stanley, seconded by David Emert.

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

The warrants for February 2026 were approved by a motion from Douglas Stanley, seconded by David Emert.

The Budget was reviewed.

The chairwoman informed the board the finance committee has met to consider the budget for FY2027, and instructed the proposed budget and CIP be sent to all board members for review. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The commissary account was reviewed.

The Superintendent informed the board he would be purchasing a van for use by commissary.

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

The Superintendent informed the board that transportation has increased. Some attorneys are requesting that offenders be brought to court early to meet with them rather than scheduling meetings with their clients ahead of time. This is a hardship on the transportation department. The Superintendent is tracking attorney requests for meetings with their clients to show that the jail is compliment with their requests. The jail is in the process of installing legal phones in every housing unit so attorneys can contact their clients via phone.

The Superintendent continued with his Agenda:

Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting Agenda

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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 (13 officers)**

3. VCBR (14 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 per diem federal offenders. **(Effective November 1st 2024**
Per diem rate is 93 dollars.
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 Renovation: Completed**
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) pending
16. Contraband Detectors (I Building, L Building and Main Hall)
17. Sallyport Gate House (Completed)

New Business

1. Medication Statement (February 2026)
2. Human Resources Update (Mrs. Patman and Mrs. Holman)
3. Renovation of Main Control, Release Department and Administrative Offices work in progress.
4. Roving Patrol Post (Night Shift 12/7 Days Week Initially) /
Electronic Entry/Exit Gate
5. Wasp Inventory System Update
6. CorTrax (Electronic Rounds) start infrastructure in March

In the process of taking new photos of offenders to use for facial recognition. A contraband finder is being installed in the L building hallway.

The Superintendent stressed the need for enhanced perimeter security (roving patrol & security entrance gate)

HR director Patman and AOS Holman delivered a presentation showing recruitment tactics being used to attract and retain the best candidates. They detailed future events they are planning to continue with recruitment. They gave a detailed explanation of the staffing matrix of the jail including total number of positions and vacancies.

The inmate phone contract is being re-negotiated. The Superintendent expects the revenue from this source to increase.

The federal inmate count will increase in order to maintain the physical plant of the jail. This will help keep the costs down for the supporting counties while operating at a safe number not to exceed 250 federal inmates.

Three vans have been purchased instead of a bus for transporting offenders.

7. FY27 Draft Budget (pending Finance Committee approval)
8. FY27 Capital Improvement Plan

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

By a motion from David Emert seconded by Douglas Stanley the meeting was adjourned to April 15, 2026.

All motions carried unless noted.

Gloria Giles, Secretary