

The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on April 15, 2026

The following were **Present:**

Not Present

Amelia Eric Pollitt
David Felts
Ricky Walker

*Phillip Siegle

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
Sgt. B Jones – Commissary/Property/Inmate Mail
Captain K Hicks
T. Witt – Officer / Kitchen Supervisor
L. Watson – Commissary Clerk
Kendrick Marshall - Officer
Nurse Hammonds – travel nurse
W. Joyner- Officer
D. Dennis – Officer

T. Hendricks - PT Officer
A. Juarez - Officer
B Tisdale –Director of Compliance
C Knight – Re-entry Counselor
McShin Foundation Team
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 March 18, 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 March 2026 was approved by a motion from Doug Stanley, seconded by David Emert.

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

The Budget was reviewed.

The chairwoman requested the board review the budget for FY2027 that was sent to each member. This will be discussed at next month's meeting.

The commissary account was reviewed.

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

The Superintendent continued with his Agenda:

Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting Agenda

April 15, 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 (1 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. Commissary Building Renovation: (Completed) Fence Intrusion System (Completed)**
12. **Decision Points and "Making it on Supervision" District #24 (Going Well)**
13. 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
14. Contraband Detectors (I Building, L Building and Main Hall)
15. Sallyport Gate House (Completed)

New Business

1. **McShin Foundation Presentation:**
The McShin Foundation presented a film showing how The program works within the jail setting. The Superintendent has Sent a letter to each county requesting funding to help off-set the Cost for substance abuse programs.
2. **Whasp Inventory Presentation**
Sgt. Jones, Mr. Watson, and Officer Witt explained how the new Inventory system has improved the process for monitoring the Amount of inventory needed and on hand.

The Superintendent informed the board that an unannounced Mandatory audit was conducted and the jail passed with few Concerns.
3. **Medication Statement (March 2026)**
4. **Human Resources Update**
There are currently 15 security vacancies. Non-security utility Officers will be hired to work in areas not requiring a certified Officer. This will make certified officers now being used in these Areas available and thus help with security shortages.

5. Renovation of Front Entrance
6. Roving Patrol Post (Night Shift 12/7 Days Week / Day Shift Weekends and Holidays) / Electronic Entry/Exit Gate CorTrax (Electronic Rounds)
7. FY27 Draft Budget (pending approval)
8. FY27 Capital Improvement Plan
9. Cor Trax (Electronic Rounds) Training will begin this month

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

By a motion from Edward Pennington seconded by Douglas Stanley the meeting was adjourned to May 20, 2026.

All motions carried unless noted.

Gloria Gules, Secretary