

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

The following were Present:

Not Present

Amelia

David Felts
*Phillip Siegle

Eric Pollitt

Ricky Walker

Buckingham

William Kidd
*Albert Jamerson

Karl Carter

Cumberland

Chris Stimpson

Darrell Hodges

Jay Scudder
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 Lanay Walker

R. Bridges - Mediko Nurse

R. Hesson - Mediko Nurse

New Officers : P. Ferguson

J. Blanton

A. Davis

P. Dimaano Jr

J. Hudson

Aretha Lewis – Utility Officer
Robert Rosier – Utility Officer
Michel Kimble – Maintenance
Jessica Eppes – HR Director
Charles Scott – Training Lt.
Bondsmen: Johnston & Spease

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 June 17, 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 June 2026 was approved by a motion from David Emert, seconded by Douglas Stanley.

The warrants for June 2026 were approved by a motion from David Emert, seconded by Edward Pennington.

The Budget was reviewed.

The commissary account was reviewed. **The Superintendent informed the board he had moved \$50,000 from the commissary account to the commissary money market account. A used van was purchased for commissary use.**

The Superintendent discussed the transportation report, jurisdiction report, and the billing summary for June 2026. **The population today is 506 offenders with 222 of those being federal inmates.**

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 (**Cancelled at this time**)
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.**
The budget will be amended to include this revenue when received. The budget amendment also will include the 3.5% salary increase for August 1, 2026.
14. Contraband Detectors (I Building, L Building and Main Hall)
15. Sallyport Gate House (Completed)

New Business

1. Medication Statement (June 2026)
2. Renovation of Front Entrance (Completed)
3. Roving Patrol Post (Night Shift 12/7 Days Week / Day Shift Weekends and Holidays) effective 2026
Superintendent is researching flock cameras for license plate Reader.
4. Electronic Rounds (Summer 2026)
5. PRJ App **Update in progress. The contract is being reviewed**
6. Deposit in money Market (Commissary) \$50,000.00
7. Timber Sale
8. Jail Attorney (Zach Cohen) Hirschler (zcohen@hirshlerlaw.com)
Attorney for jail has joined a new firm. The Superintendent signed the contract for him to continue to represent the jail.
9. HB 1421 (Discussion)

i. ** Close Session if needed **

By a motion from David Emert seconded by Edward Pennington the meeting was adjourned to August 19, 2026.

All motions carried unless noted.

Gloria Giles, Secretary