

The Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board meeting was held on September 16, 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
Chris Stimpson

Summer Medina
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)
 Melissa Stowe - Secretary

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

The minutes of the meeting held on August 19, 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 August 2026 was approved by a motion from David Emert, seconded by Steve Bowen.

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

The Budget was reviewed.

The commissary account was reviewed

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

The Superintendent continued with his Agenda:

Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting Agenda

September 16, 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 (5 officers)
3. VCBR (14 offenders)
4. **Adult GED Classes and Special Education Classes (Pending Contract)**
5. Successful Living Program **(Going well)**
6. Successful Living Peer Support Group **(Going well)**
7. Religious Services **(Going Well)**
8. **Drivers Education Class (Pending)**
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 no more than \$279.827 for 2025). **Close Out completed awaiting approval from Secretary of Public Safety.**
14. Contraband Detectors (I Building, L Building and Main Hall)
15. Sallyport Gate House (Completed)

New Business

1. Medication Bill (August 2026)
2. Roving Patrol Post (Night Shift 12/7 Days Week / Day Shift Weekends and Holidays) **effective October 2026**
3. Restroom/ Shower Floors Replaced (I and L Buildings)
4. Electronic Rounds (October 2026)
5. PRJ App Update **(Contract signed, effective prior to year-end)**
6. Timber Sale (Pending)
7. HB 1421 (Discussion)
8. No security Drafting (Transportation and Hospital Security exceptions). **Beginning October 1, 2026.
October 10th all jail officer positions will be filled.**

Jail has applied for a Department of Health Grant. If approved this will be used to fund the second phase of the McShin program.

Superintendent’s evaluation will be considered at next month’s meeting in closed session. The committee is comprised of Sheriff Jones, Karl Carter, David Felts and Sheriff Hodges.

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

By a motion from Doug Stanley seconded by David Emert the meeting was adjourned to October 21, 2026.

All motions carried unless noted.

Gloria Gules, Secretary