

NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY
November 9, 2018
Held at the New River Valley Regional Jail

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Mark Armentrout with nine (9) members and two (2) alternates present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Carroll County:	Ms. Cannon
	Floyd County:	Mr. Turman
	Giles County:	Mr. Chidester
	Grayson County:	Sheriff Vaughan
	Pulaski County:	Sheriff Worrell: Mr. McCready
	Radford City:	Sheriff Armentrout
	Wythe County:	Mr. Reeves

ALTERNATES PRESENT:	Carroll County:	Ch. Dep. Bourne
	Floyd County:	Ch. Dep. Harris
	Grayson County:	Mr. Smith
	Wythe County:	Ch. Dep. Foster

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:	Superintendent Gregory Winston
	Dep. Supt. John Bowman
	Steve Durbin - Sands Anderson PC
	Robert Lyons-Citizen

B. ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Akers called the roll and reported a quorum present.

Chairman Armentrout made a few announcements. Congratulations to Radford City's Authority member Ms. Nikki Cumberland and her husband as they welcomed a son earlier this month.

C. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2018 MINUTES:

Copies of the Minutes from the September meeting were mailed to each member. Chairman Armentrout asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes as presented.

Motion: Ms. Cannon moved that the September Minutes be approved as presented. Mr. McCready seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed with a vote of 10 yes and 2 members abstaining due to their absence from the September meeting.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

To be discussed later in the meeting.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Copies of the monthly financials through October 2018 were distributed and Ms. Cannon reviewed them with the group.

Motion: On behalf of the Finance Committee, Ms. Cannon recommended the Financial Report for approval.

Action: Following a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Design and Construction Committee:

Design & Construction did not meet today.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

We conducted nineteen Sergeants interviews over the past few weeks. The five officers that were promoted to Sergeants will be announced in the coming days.

Eight officers will graduate from the academy in November. Superintendent Winston said this is a great group currently attending the academy and we look forward to having them back on shift.

Operations:

- Headcount today: 863
- Total days served 26,935
- Average Daily Population: 863
- Average Daily Population for male prisoners: 722.9

- Average Daily Population for females prisoners: 146
- Number of commitments: 562
- Avg Daily commitments: 18.1
- Number of releases: 544
- Avg Daily releases: 17.5

Prisoner Issues:

Two weeks ago, we had a female prisoner that has been here for over a year to suffer from an overdose of methamphetamines. After she recovered, we were able to interview her to see exactly how this had happened and how this was coming into the facility. He instructed the members to contact him if they would like to know his findings.

We also have a high profile inmate scheduled for sentencing very soon that has recently been diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. This is very costly for our facility. We are with that jurisdiction in terms of his sentencing and getting him to the appropriate housing at the Department of Corrections.

HR/Personnel:

Officer testing was conducted again this morning. Twelve applicants were scheduled to test and only nine showed up. We're struggling to recruit nurses so if you know of an LPN interested in a career in correctional nursing please have them give us a call.

In terms of testing, since September we've scheduled seventy-seven individuals to test and thirty-three have shown up. Out of those thirty-three, we have hired six, fifteen are currently in the background process, ten who weren't qualified were sent letters and two had criminal histories.

Superintendent Winston has hired a part-time investigator to help with all of these backgrounds. He has also hired some civilian control room operators. These are folks that are less than 21 years old tracking to become correctional officers. They're highly qualified but just didn't meet the age requirement to work in the back of the jail. We're really impressed with their performance and hope to transition them into correctional officers.

Payroll:

We're looking at new payroll software to begin at the beginning of the new fiscal year to help with some things requested by the auditor. The name of the group is Southern Software.

Dishwasher:

The dishwasher was picked up from Western State Hospital and is in the shop being refurbished by our vendor.

Kitchen Floor:

The kitchen floor is being worked on right now and we hope to have it finished by next Friday prior to Thanksgiving.

Inmate Programs:

Over the last few months we've had two very positive media spots in regards to our inmate programs. We have been working with some of our female inmates and Radford University on the Inside/Out Program and. WDBJ7 did the original story and Fox 21/27 came in last week to do one as well.

PCPC-Pulaski Community Partners Coalition:

In an effort to become more involved in the community we have joined forces with PCPC.

Inside Out Fathers:

One of our former correctional officers will be coming in January to begin this program. The objective of the program is to talk to father about becoming better dads.

Reading Program:

We're also working with PCPC on a reading program. The program will allow us to video record an incarcerated mom or dad reading a book. The recording will then be sent home to their children so they can see/hear mom or dad reading to them. The pilot program will begin with 7-ten inmates participating.

Greenhouse:

We built a greenhouse earlier this year. One of our staff member's mother that is a horticulturist and has agreed come assist with a greenhouse program. We would like to provide some beautification to non-profits in our jurisdictions. We can send our guys out with the flowers that they grow here to plant in your areas. We can't do a huge job but if you have some smaller jobs for us please let us know.

Sheriff Armentrout appreciates all of the hard work that Superintendent Winston has done and continues to do. He reminded him that even though the Authority has voted to hold meetings every other month, should we need to have one sooner than one can be held.

Chairman Armentrout said returning to Old Business, there was need for an executive session and asked for a motion from the floor.

Motion: Mr. McCready made the motion to go into executive session for consultation with legal counsel pursuant to §2.2-3711.A.7 and §2.2-3711.A.8 of the Code of Virginia. Mr. Reeves seconded the motion.

Action: Following roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

The purpose of the executive closed session is:

Consultation with legal counsel, §2.2-3711.A.7 and §2.2-3711.A.8 of the Code of Virginia, (consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members and consultants about actual or probable and public discussion would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the County or Town – OR- consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters that require legal advice).

After a lengthy discussion, the motion was made that the Authority Board come out of closed session.

Motion: Mr. McCready made the motion that the board come out of closed session. Ms. Cannon seconded the motion.

Action: Following roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Armentrout asked for a motion to certify that only matters permitted under §2.2-3711.A.7 and §2.2-3711.A.8 of the Code of Virginia were discussed.

Motion: Mr. McCready moved to certify the closed session discussion. Ms. Cannon seconded the motion.

Action: Following roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

As a result of the executive session, the following motion was made.

Motion: On behalf of the Finance Committee, Ms. Cannon made the motion to approve an Addendum to the “Hospital Services Agreement” between CARILION NEW RIVER VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER, and CARILION MEDICAL CENTER d/b/a/ CARILION ROANOKE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, and NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY, and authorize the Chairman to execute such addendum, pending final approval by legal counsel and the Chairman, upon the following terms:

1. The Authority accepts Carilion’s offer to resolve the billing disputes which have arisen between the parties upon the payment of \$87,000 to Carilion, structured over the term of six months, and;
2. Carilion accepts such amount as full and final payment for all services rendered prior to December 11, 2017 for inmate medical conditions pre-existing their incarceration; and
3. The Authority waives its claims that Carilion overbilled the Authority under the Hospital Services Agreement and the prior Agreement between the parties executed in 2011; and
4. The parties agree that all future charges to the Authority for medical services relating to inmate health conditions which existed prior to the inmate’s term of incarceration shall be billed and reimbursed based upon the rates charged to the Authority’s third-party insurer, currently Anthem.

Mr. McCready seconded the motion.

Action: Following roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

H. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

I. OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Mr. Reeves made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ms. Cannon seconded the motion.

Action: Following roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Chairman Armentrout adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Chairman Mark A. Armentrout