

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Regular MeetingJuly 15, 2009

Location6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

Presiding.....Roy Cherry, Guest Chairman

Present Sterling Proffitt, Chairman, Board of Corrections
Jimmy Burrell, Vice Chairman, Board of Corrections
B. A. Washington, Member, Board of Corrections
Bobby Mitchell, Member, Board of Corrections
Dick Hall-Sizemore, Department of Planning and Budget
Eugene Taylor, Captain, Hampton Roads Regional Jail
Jeff Frazier, Superintendent, Northern Neck Regional Jail
Ron Werdebaugh, Northwestern Regional Jail
Steve Draper, Sheriff, Martinsville City Jail
Glenn Aylor, Superintendent, Central Virginia Regional Jail
Elton Blackstock, Superintendent, Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority
Tim Trent, Assistant Administrator, Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority
Keith Lockridge, Chief Jailer, Charlotte County
Ron Elliot, Peumansend Creek Regional Jail
John Higgins, Rockbridge Regional Jail
Byron Teague, Rockbridge Regional Jail
Robyn deSocio, Executive Secretary, Compensation Board
Gary Bass, Classification and Records, DOC
Kim Lipp, Architecture and Engineering, DOC
Jef Sevenker, Compliance and Accreditation, DOC
Donna Foster, Compliance and Accreditation, DOC

The meeting was called to order and attendees were welcomed. No roll was called. Attendees introduced themselves.

I. Committee Chairman (Mr. Cherry)

- Mr. Cherry called for a motion to approve the May minutes. By MOTION duly made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously APPROVED by the attending committee members.

II. Meeting Summary

Kim Lipp reported the following:

- Ms. Lipp presented a Powerpoint slideshow of the construction progress of the Grayson County facility. The facility is not funded for opening at this time. The prison is being constructed with steel cells - modular and panelized systems. It has raised level glass in the top of the structure rather than in the cells as does the precast cells. The modular system was much faster for construction purposes. The mechanical chase can be accessed from the exterior of the building eliminating the need to bring tools into the housing units. The segregation cells have shower-stalls installed in each cell preventing the need for removing the inmate from the cell. Completion date is expected to be June 2010.
- Sterling Proffitt advised the committee that Bill Wilson is recovering from bypass surgery and we will look forward to seeing him at the September meeting.

Robyn deSocio reported the following:

- The budget process is in the developmental stage for FY11, FY12 and FY10 and will be reviewed for amendments. The inmate forecasting process has been initiated. A carryover from last year includes the \$50 million aid to localities reductions. This will require that localities send a check to the state or find ways to reduce funding for FY09 in aid to locality funding (through the Compensation Board). The governor is scheduled to present additional funding shortages on August 19th. The governor has requested that state agencies produce projected reductions of 5-10-15% in funding. This is handled in this manner due to the restrictions for the governor to restrict funding by a maximum of 15% due to legislated limits. This year, all Comp Board funds are under consideration in the 5-10-15% reductions including appropriated reimbursements, unlike last year. These reductions are expected to affect FY10/11 & 12. When the \$300 million revenue shortfall for FY09 was announced by the governor, one of the decisions made was to direct \$109 million of federal stimulus funds to reduce the expenditure shortfall by the same amount. A letter will be sent to all localities to clarify how much was state funding and how much was federal stimulus funding as it must be tracked as federal revenue sources (this letter will be posted on the SCB website). This may also require localities (and regional jails) to participate in federal single audit. The goal was to try to target those funds to the larger jurisdictions and jails where those facilities were likely to be subject to federal audit already. The federal funding stream for FY10 has already been posted on the Comp Board website. When asked if a signature was required by local administrator to accept the federal stimulus funding for FY09, Ms. deSocoi replied that a waiver was sent out for the money for FY10 to offset the \$23 million reduction

required 35 % had to go the local governments. The waiver was the agreement by the locality that channeling the funding through the Compensation Board was a reasonable means by which to receive the funds. It was a decision by the Commonwealth of Virginia. It was not an agreement to receive the federal stimulus funds. Each locality will receive a listing from the Compensation Board detailing how much federal money went to individual positions by name.

Jef Sevenker reported the following:

- He spoke with Bill Wilson on Monday and he was progressing well and in good spirits.

The out of compliance rates were 2,606 on July 10th. Blue Ridge Regional Jail is working on two new facilities. The Amherst location has 380 beds. The site work began in May and is now at around 30% completion. The Halifax facility is a 40 bed expansion which is now 62% complete. The Loudoun County expansion has about 488 beds and is now about 70% complete. The New River Valley Regional Jail expansion with 480 beds is now at around 60% complete, with an opening date of January 2010. Patrick County is in planning stages, Prince William/Manassas just began a renovation. The Mason District substation closed in December 2008 (a two bed lockup).

The operational standards are in review. They were tentatively approved by the Board of Corrections, but additional PREA standards may be included by federal requirements. ACA is reportedly devising standards to incorporate these requirements in their standards and the Commonwealth will likely utilize a version similar to the ACA standards.

Gary Bass reported the following:

- The out of compliance rates have been steady in the 2500 - 2600 range. As he has advised previously, there is an 800 bed facility at St. Brides that has not been funded therefore, cannot be opened. The budget is the driving force behind everything at this time. The director has asked for input into the proposal to bring in out of state inmates and this idea will resurface as the General Assembly has requested review of this as a relief to the budget crisis. It's feasible that the DOC could open more beds than were brought in from out of state and reduce the out of compliance rates as well. The 300 Wyoming inmates are slated to return to their state in January 2010.

The DOC has two interstate compact agreements. One allows for trading out inmates with 30 other states in such cases as protective custody or family visitation with transportation costs provided at the family's expense. We typically have 70 inmates in other states and house 70 inmates from other states under this agreement. The other interstate agreement concerns probation and

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parole inmates with almost 10,000 inmates in this agreement with all 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico. The Commonwealth has 6,980 probationers in other states and provides probation and parole services to around 2,993. This difference is likely due to the large military presence in Virginia.

By MOTION duly made by the Guest Chairman of the Liaison Committee, Roy Cherry, and seconded by several members in attendance, the meeting adjourned.