

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Regular Meeting.....September 22, 2021

Location.....6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

Presiding.....Chris Smith, Vice Chairman

Present.....Vernie Francis, Board of Local and Regional Jails
John F. Anderson, Jr., Board of Local and Regional Jails
Cleopatra Lightfoot-Booker, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Roland Sherrod, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Bobby Vassar, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Ryan McCord, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Joshua Salmon, Blue Ridge Regional Jail
Chad Lipscomb, Blue Ridge Regional Jail
Keith Lockridge, Blue Ridge Regional Jail
Jim Pritchett, Chesterfield Count Sheriff’s Office
Steve Clear, Southwest Virginia Regional Jail
Marcia Powers, Department of Corrections
James Parks, Department of Corrections
Donna Foster, Board of Local and Regional Jails

The meeting was called to order and Vice Chairman Smith welcomed all attendees.

I. **Committee Chairman**

Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes.

By *Motion* by Vice Chairman Smith, the January 7,2020 minutes were *Approved*.

II. **Funding and Budget Issues (Ms. Robyn deSocio, State Compensation Board)**

Ms. deSocio did not attend the September meeting.

III. **Prison/Local Jail Population Report and Jail Construction Update – Marcia Powers**

Ms. Powers reported that the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center upgrade project is Set up as a three phase project. The Security upgrades are in the design/bid phase with construction expected to begin on early 2022. The Capital Renewal-HVAC is in the pre-

design phase and the Capital Renewal-West Hot Water is in the construction phase with substantial completion expected in November 2022. Construction on the 400 bed new jail is well underway on Henry County Jail with an approximate 70% completion and full completion expected in April 2022. Contractor is English Construction out of Lynchburg, VA.

Minor projects status:

- Virginia Beach Correctional Center – security master control system upgrade is nearing the completion date of October 2021;
- Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail – minor renovation project is completed and in the reimbursement stage;
- Montgomery County Jail – minor renovation project dormitory renovation and upgrades are completed and in the reimbursement stage.

Offender Management Service Update - Mr. Jim Parks

Jim Parks reported the total for out-of-compliance inmates as 3,263 of which 2,952 are males and 311 are females. He advised that anyone with concerns should contact him as intakes have resumed. New intakes are quarantined for 14 days which ties up beds, but they have been able to work with facilities to accept intakes.

Vice Chairman Smith thanked Mr. Parks for his assistance with the Regional Jail association adding that he would like for the Director to be made aware of how Mr. Parks helped the Superintendents of Virginia's Regional Jails.

Other Business

Board Chairman Francis thanked the newly appointed Liaison Members adding that Sheriff Mike Taylor, Pittsylvania County and Sheriff Steve Draper, Martinsville City are also on the Committee with Sheriff Draper agreeing to serve as Chairman. Mr. Francis thanked Superintendent Chris Smith for agreeing to serve as Vice Chairman. He noted that he wants the Liaison Members to be engaged in future endeavors to include a pregnancy study as well as the new Mental Health Standards and the upcoming Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Standards. Additionally, the audit/inspection process will be reviewed for possible changes with an additional inspector position soon to be filled. He would like to see best practices recommendations for the local and regional jails in the Commonwealth. Mr. McCord, the Executive Director of the Board of Local and Regional Jails was in full support of Chairman Francis' future view for the Liaison Committee.

IV. Other Comments

There being nothing further, by ***Motion*** duly made and seconded, the meeting was ***Adjourned***.