

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

Regular Meeting .....July 18, 2012

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

Presiding.....William Osborne, Acting Chairman

Present.....Peter Decker, III, Chairman, Board of Corrections  
B. A. Washington, Member, Board of Corrections  
Felipe Cabacoy, Member, Board of Corrections  
Linda Curtis, Member, Board of Corrections  
Kurt Boshart, Member, Board of Corrections  
Gabe Morgan, Sheriff, Newport News City Jail  
Eugene Taylor, Hampton Roads Regional Jail  
Steve Draper, Sheriff, Martinsville City Jail  
Dave Hackworth, Chesapeake City Jail  
Robyn deSocio, Compensation Board  
Dick Hall-Sizemore, Department of Planning and Budget  
Mike Jones, Moseley Architect  
Debra Gardner, Chief Deputy, DOC  
Jim Parks, Classification and Records, DOC  
Jim Bruce, Policy and Initiatives Manager, DOC  
Brooks Ballard, Local Facilities, DOC  
Jef Sevenker, Local Facilities, DOC  
Donna Foster, Compliance and Accreditation, DOC

The meeting was called to order and attendees were welcomed.

**I. Acting Committee Chairman (William Osborne)**

- Mr. William Osborne welcomed committee members and guests. Mr. Blackstock was unable to attend the meeting and Mr. Osborne graciously offered to act as Chairman. Mr. Osborne called for a motion to approve the March minutes. By **MOTION** duly made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously **APPROVED**. The Motion carried.

**II. Meeting Summary**

*Robyn deSocio reported the following:*

- The General Assembly increased funding by \$5.8 million for the end of FY12 to fully fund 4<sup>th</sup> quarter per diems. This was paid in two parts because the money was not received until the end of the fiscal year. For FY13, there is a potential \$4.5 million shortfall for per diems, which is based upon the budget as it stands right now and the inmate forecast done last year and is underway currently for FY13 and is expected to be completed by October. Once that is done, there will be revisions for the budget as well. She added that it is not unusual to start a fiscal year showing a shortfall and this may potentially increase for FY13.

Aid to localities' recovery has been reduced in FY13 to \$50 million statewide from \$60 million in FY12. Those amounts will be further reduced to \$45 million in FY14. Each jail's share of the aid to localities' distribution will be smaller than last year. Responses are due back by August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Senate Bill 497 requires that employees pay their 5% contribution to VRS, withdrawn from salaries on a pre-tax basis. Language required that the employer, or the localities in this case, is required to pay the 5% offset and can be phased in over a five-year period. This is not part of the Comp Board salary and is not reimbursed. The requirement also applies to elected officials, such as sheriffs.

Funding has begun for staffing of the Meherrin River Regional Jail. Other facilities expected to open in FY14 have not yet been funded but will be addressed this fall. The Comp Board has received \$7.4 million to restore the public safety fund reduction from 2010.

Language was passed to allow for the suspension of a driver's license for non-payment of inmate jail fees. The Comp Board is working with the Sheriff's Association and DMV to determine how to transfer data to achieve the suspension.

There was discussion regarding the redevelopment of funding for the Master Deputy Jail Officer Program. Several years ago, the programs were suspended and only individuals who were already in the program prior to January 1, 2010, could stay in the program. The Governor ultimately replaced funds in his budget for FY13 to be used on a one-time basis. Some of the other constitutional officers' programs operate differently. There were some people who had been waiting since 2006 and 2007 and jails were able to use some of those funds to bring them into the program this year, for one year only. The Master Deputy Jail Officer Program functions somewhat differently and Ms. deSocio will be meeting with some representative from the Regional Jails Association and the Sheriffs' Association to see if they can identify people who would be eligible for the program using the one-year availability of funds.

The LIDs redesign will function as a subsystem under CORIS, which redesign is currently underway. The batch file layout was e-mailed a couple weeks ago for the IT staff. This redesign is expected to go live next spring. More information will be forthcoming.

The court services data is being processed, and a committee will be reconvened at a later date to discuss this further.

Jef Sevenker, acting for Bill Wilson, reported the following:

- The out-of-compliance numbers were 4,864 as of July 16, 2012. Meherrin River Regional Jail opened on July 1, 2012, with 400 beds, closing the Brunswick and Dinwiddie County Jails. Brooks Ballard attended the grand opening with the sheriff speaking about the history and the benefits to the jurisdiction. Tours of the facility were provided.

Jim Parks reported the following:

- Reception for the Department is now being processed at the Powhatan Reception Center. They tried reception at Greenville Correctional Center but it was not very successful. The Department is trying to classify inmates within 30 days. There have been some population changes at Wallens Ridge and Red Onion in an effort to increase bed space by about 200. The Department is moving some inmates from Sussex to increase middle level bed space. Greenville has a building under renovation that will be offline for approximately six more months. Once completed, this renovation will add 300 beds. Mr. Osborne asked about the possibility of opening the Grayson County facility. Mr. Parks answered that the Department would like to but it is a legislative and financial issue. Ms. Gardner reported it would require approximately \$22 million to open the facility.

The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2012, at 9:30.

By MOTION duly made by the acting Chairman William Osborne, seconded by several members in attendance and unanimously APPROVED, the meeting was adjourned.