

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

APPROVED 9/21/22

Regular Meeting.....May 18, 2022 11:30 a.m.

Presiding.....Steve Draper, Committee Chairman, Sheriff, City of Martinsville

Present.....Vernie Francis, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Charles Jett, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Heather Masters, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Bobby Vassar, Board of Local and Regional Jails
John F. Anderson, Jr., Board of Local and Regional Jails
Ryan McCord, Executive Director, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Richard Vorhis, Attorney General Office, Board Counsel
Major Jim Pritchett, Chesterfield Sheriff's Office
Chris Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail
Greg Winston, Superintendent, New River Valley Regional Jail
Lieutenant Colonel Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent, Riverside Regional Jail
Mike Taylor, Pittsylvania County Sherriff
Gerald Olson, Staff, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Tawana Ferguson, Staff, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Alexis Simpson, Staff, Board of Local Regional Jails
Paul Beaupre, Staff, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Alison, Lautz, Staff Board of Local and Regional Jails
John Rock, Staff, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Jim Parks, VADOC Offender Management
Suzanne Echols, Chesterfield Sheriff's Office
Robyn de Socio, Virginia Compensation Board

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Steve Draper, who welcomed all attendees.

Approval of March 16, 2022 Minutes

Mr. Draper called for a motion to approve the March 16, 2022 minutes.

By *Motion* by Chris Smith, the March 16, 2022 minutes were approved.

Offender Management Services

Mr. Jim Parks provided the following update regarding Offender Management Services. As of March 2022, approximately 3,500 cases were out of compliance. As of the meeting date, May 18, 2022, a total of 1,743 cases were out of compliance (1,421 males and 322 females).

Some discussion regarding the impact of classification status and healthcare needs of state responsible inmates followed.

Budget and Funding Issues

Ms. Robyn de Socio gave an update from the Virginia Compensation Board. She stressed that as no state budget has been approved, staff of the Board have developed staff working budgets but no official Board action can occur until after the General Assembly and Governor approve a biennial budget. Ms. de Socio shared several possible pay increases scenarios for sworn jail officers and deputies that may occur; however, this is dependent upon which version of the budget comes out of the state legislature.

Other Business

Pittsylvania County Sheriff Mike Taylor asked the committee members if there was an official mission for the committee. Mr. Vassar, Board Member stated that the mission has always been to advise the Board and disseminate information from the Board out to the field. Board Chairman Francis reiterated that the committee serves as the voice of the Board to get the word on board actions and activities out to the field.

Other discussion followed regarding the “good time served” statutory change. Ms. de Socio addressed the issue with regard to a recent AG opinion on the topic.

Other Comments

SB 581 – Board Chairman Francis requested that Mr. Ryan McCord, Executive Director provide an update on the upcoming fee study. Mr. McCord shared that he has been working with the two committees responsible for selecting members to identify the members of the work group. He also stated that he would be reaching out to members with a survey of fees. Ms. de Socio requested that she be included due to the potential for impact on the Jail Cost Reports. Mr. McCord acknowledged her request and stated that he will include her in some way.

Behavioral Health Standards – Mr. Pritchett asked if we had any news regarding the implementation of the behavioral health standards. Mr. McCord informed the group that no additional action has occurred. Ms. de Socio followed up with information regarding the financial implications related to staffing for mental health services.

Mr. Jett – asked about potential impact of good time served and DOC population reduction. Mr. Parks responded. Members gave positive feedback on the work of reducing the out of compliance cases.

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