

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

REGULAR MEETING.....March 15, 2023, 11:30 AM

PRESIDING.....Colonel Chris Smith, Committee Vice Chairman

PRESENT.....The Honorable Vernie Francis, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
The Honorable Charles Jett, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Dr. Anita Maybach, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Roland Sherrod, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Michael Carrera, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Chris Strom, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Tiffany Jenkins, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Amanda Trent, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Ryan McCord, Executive Director, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Alison, Lautz, Jail Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
John Rock, Jail Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Ashley Gordon, Executive Secretary, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Colleen Maxwell, Policy Analyst, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Gerald Olson, Architect, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Jake Petzold, Office of the Governor  
Jim Parks, Virginia Department of Corrections  
Ayesha Osborne, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General  
Keith Lockridge, BRRJA  
Jessica Joyner, BRRJA  
Chris Hayes, Western Virginia Regional Jail  
David Cox, Western Virginia Regional Jail  
Chris Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail  
Lt. Col. Armstrong, Riverside Regional  
Lanay Walker, Piedmont Regional Jail  
Ted Hall, Northern Neck Regional Jail  
Derek Almorode, Rockridge Regional Jail  
Steven Clear, SWRJA  
Eric Young, Middle River Regional Jail  
Tim Doss, Middle Peninsula Regional

Colonel Chris Smith, Committee Vice Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.

**Approval of Minutes**

Colonel Smith called for a motion to approve the January 18, 2023 minutes.

By ***Motion*** of Mr. Carrera and duly seconded, the January 18, 2023 minutes were approved.

### **State Compensation Board Update**

Ms. deSocio provided an update from the State Compensation Board. The Governor's budget included additional funding to address compression issues as well as additional funding for transportation for ECO/TDOs in Sheriff's offices along with 5% for raises. However, the budget introduced (HB1400) includes 5% but not the other items. Calling it the "skinny budget". Budget conference committee continues to meet. Comp board will continue to move forward with their process based on the approved budget. Sent out budget estimates and it only includes the 5% raise. If a new budget is approved before the fiscal year starts, they will send out new budget estimates. Reconvened session is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> and hope to know more at that time.

### **Offender Management Services Update**

Mr. Jim Parks shared an update from DOC. He reported that the out of compliance cases are as follows: Males – 173; Females – 62; total – 235. He reported that as beds become available, they are being filled. However, the number of beds in infirmaries remain static, so DOC isn't able to pick up sick inmates being housed locally at the same rate as other inmates.

### **New Business**

BOLRJ Executive Director Ryan McCord shared the following:

- Policy and Regulations Committee of the Board will be performing a comprehensive re-write of the Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups. Mr. McCord, along with Board Policy Analyst Colleen Maxwell, asked for representation from local and regional jails to serve on work groups. The anticipated revisions will be broken down and addressed by subject areas. So, subject matter specialists designated by the Liaison Committee would serve a role in drafting the standards revision prior to the revisions being presented to the Board's Policy and Regulations Committee.

### **Other New Business**

Colonel Smith mentioned the board members visiting facilities and explained that the process is a general information gathering for the purpose of affording board members a better understanding of jail operations. He also mentioned that the VARJ regional training conference is coming up and board members are welcome to attend. Ryan thanked Colonel Smith for having the members as guests at the facilities.

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