

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

APPROVED 7/26/2023

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 12th 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*.