

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

**November 3, 2011
Forsyth, Georgia**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jim Whitehead Sr., Chairman
Mr. Bill Acuff
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Ashley Paulk, Jr.
Sheriff Carlton Powell
Mr. Tommy Rouse
Mr. Kevin Tanner
Dr. Henrie Treadwell
Mr. Roger Waldrop
Mr. Justin Wiedeman
Ms. Rose Williams
Mr. Jerry Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chief George Potter

CONFERENCE CALL:

Sherriff Roger Garrison

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Brian Owens, Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Stan Cooper, Director of Probation Operations
Mr. Danny Horne, Chaplain
Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel
Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison
Mr. John Laurence, Investigations Unit
Ms. Vickie Lee, Chief Probation Officer of Macon PO
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Executive Assistant
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Investigations Unit
Mr. Keith Nash, Investigations Unit
Ms. Kristen Stancil, Public Affairs Office
Mr. Randy Tillman, Facilities Division Director
Mr. Robert Toole, Warden

VISITORS:

Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin
Mr. Jim Clifton, Corrections Corporation of America
Mr. David Pratt, Southern Strategy Group
Mr. Kenny Nobles, Son of Cecil Nobles
Ms. Kathryn Hamoudah, Southern Center for Human Rights
Sheriff Cecil Nobles, Sheriff of Long County
Colonel William "Bill" Hitchens, Georgia State Patrol
Colonel Mark W. McDonough, Georgia State Patrol
Captain Nikki Renfroe, Georgia State Patrol
Captain Billy Hitchens, Georgia State Patrol
Ms. Cheryl Buie, Board of Public Safety Board Liaison
Mr. Richard Duman, Reporter-Monroe County

Chairman Jim Whitehead, Sr. called the November meeting of the Board of Corrections to order at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison Simone Juhmi Green recorded the minutes. A quorum of directors were present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed to business.

Chairman Jim Whitehead, Sr. welcomed all visitors and staff to the Board of Corrections and specifically introduced special visitors.

Chairman Whitehead confirmed Sherriff Roger Garrison was connected by conference call.

Chairman Whitehead presented to the Board the November Agenda for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Carlton Powell and Mr. William S. Acuff, and the agenda was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Whitehead presented to the Board the October Minutes for approval. Mr. John Mayes made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Carlton Powell and Mr. William S. Acuff, and the minutes were voted approved by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Brian Owens next presented on the current status of the Department and its progress.

Commissioner Owens presented the Upcoming Events for November, December, and January. Significantly, the Riverbend Correctional Facility is scheduled to open on December 6, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Milledgeville.

Commissioner Owens also reported on the Jail Backlog count, which is at 2,806; the Sheriff's count is at 5,400. He explained that both the Jail Backlog and the Sheriff's counts are accurate but are calculated differently for different reasons. The Jail Backlog count of state sentenced inmates continues to stay slightly below 3,000. This number is lower than the Jail Backlog count last year, which was around 4,000 inmates. The opening of the Riverbend Correctional Facility in December of 2011 and the Jenkins County Facility opening in March of 2012 is expected to reduce the counts, assuming the Department does not receive more admissions. The Jenkins Facility is also on track for an additional 1,150 beds which will further reduce the backlog. The opening of these facilities should result in three to four months of lower counts in county jails. Commissioner Owens noted that in exchange for housing the 3,000 inmates, the county is receiving approximately \$66,000 a day to house these state inmates there.

Finally, Commissioner Owens asked Mr. Stan Cooper and Mr. Randy Tillman to present on COMPSTAT for the Probation and Facilities divisions. The details on how the COMPSTAT tool functions as an organizational management tool and as a multilayered dynamic accountability tool for use at all levels was explained to the Board. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Tillman specifically explained how the COMPSTAT tool gives a real-time objective "situation report," which allows the Department to review an agency's status through statistical data and use that data to make critical decisions.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Presentation of Awards:

Chairman Whitehead and Mr. Wayne Dasher, on behalf of the Board of Corrections, presented a resolution to Sheriff Cecil Nobles for his long service to the State of Georgia.

Chairman Whitehead also presented a resolution on behalf of the Board of Corrections to Colonel William "Bill" Hitchens for the contributions he has made in furtherance of public safety in the State of Georgia.

In addition, Chairman Whitehead presented a resolution on behalf of the Board of Corrections to Colonel Mark W. McDonough, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, for his selfless service in promoting and protecting public safety in the State of Georgia.

Finally, Commissioner Brian Owens presented Captain Nikki Renfroe with a Commissioner's Coin in recognition of her outstanding performance and assistance as a Georgia State Patrol officer during a high profile situation.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

Jim Whitehead Sr., Chairman

John Mayes, Secretary

Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison