

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

March 1, 2012

Moultrie, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Bill Acuff
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Ashley Paulk, Jr.
Sheriff Carlton Powell
Dr. Henrie Treadwell
Mr. Jim Whitehead, Sr
Ms. Rose Williams
Mr. Jerry Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sherriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Chief George Potter
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse, Chairman
Mr. Kevin Tanner
Mr. Roger Waldrop
Mr. Justin Wiedeman

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Brian Owens, Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Joe English, Joe Kennedy Farm Administrator
Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel
Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison
Mr. John Laurence, Investigations Unit
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Executive Assistant
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Investigations Unit
Mr. Keith Nash, Investigations Unit
Mr. David Taylor, Investigations Unit
Mr. Randy Tillman, Facilities Division Director
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant to Probation Operations Director
Mr. Douglas Simmons, Chaplain
Mr. Norman Wilson, Director of Georgia Correctional Industries

VISITORS:

Brittni Acuree, Moultrie Technical College
Brandy Bentley, Moultrie Technical College
Marsha Booth, Moultrie Technical College
Latoya Carr, Moultrie Technical College
Terry Clark, Colquitt County Commissioner
Henry Cosheba, Moultrie Technical College
Jason DeLoach, Moultrie Technical College
Cynthia Fowler, Moultrie Technical College
Johnny Hardin, Colquitt County Commissioner
Tasha Harp, Moultrie Technical College
Lisa Jackson, Moultrie Technical College
Erica Martin, Moultrie Technical College
Amy McKaughan, Moultrie Technical College
John Moore, Moultrie Technical College
John Norbit, Moultrie Technical College
Demont Powell, Moultrie Technical College
Lila Pryor, Moultrie Technical College
Tara Rakestraw, Instructor, Moultrie Technical College
Debra Robinson, Moultrie Technical College
Kimberly Secord, Moultrie Technical College
Kimberly Shealey, Moultrie Technical College
Bryan Shular, Colquitt County Administrator
Natasha Simmons, Moultrie Technical College
Ray Saunders, Colquitt County Commissioner
Breyana Wynn, Moultrie Technical College

Vice Chairman John Mayes called the March meeting of the Board of Corrections to order at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison Simone Juhmi-Green recorded the minutes. Vice Chairman Mayes welcomed all visitors and staff to the Board of Corrections, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed to business. Mr. Bill Acuff welcomed and thanked the Board for holding the March meeting in Moultrie. Mr. Acuff stated the Board will be touring the new Colquitt County Correctional Institution after the meeting. Mr. Wayne Dasher spoke about the Board workshop and prison tours the Board attended the previous day.

Vice Chairman Mayes presented to the Board the March Agenda for approval. Mr. Bill Acuff and Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Jim Whitehead Sr. and was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Vice Chairman Mayes presented to the Board the February Minutes for approval. Mr. Ashley Paulk, Jr. made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams, and the Minutes were voted approved by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Brian Owens began his report by giving an overview of the Department and its functions. Since several of the visitors that attended the Board meeting were students from Moultrie Technical College, Commissioner Owens gave a brief summary of the Valdosta and Autry State Prison tours the Board had attended.

Commissioner Owens presented the Upcoming Events for March, April, and May 2012. Significantly mentioned, is the facility opening up in Jenkins County on March 7th, a 1,150 bed facility. In addition, the Georgia Probation Association is having its Mid-Winter Conference on March 14-16th, 2012 at Unicoi State Park. Plus, the Joint Board meeting and the 25th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner will be in Glennville on April 12th. Then, in May, we will be recognizing our public employees.

Commissioner Owens reported on the Jail Backlog count, which is at 2,054. The Probation waiting backlog is 427; a total of 2481. Commissioner Owens explained the Sheriff's count is at 4,739. He explained that both the Jail Backlog and the Sheriff's counts are accurate but are calculated differently for different reasons.

Commissioner Owens then asked Mr. Norman Wilson, Director of Georgia Correctional Industries and Mr. Joe English, Joe Kennedy Farm Administrator, to give a Food and Farm Operations presentation on how we control our cost in regards to feeding our inmate population.

Mr. Norman Wilson stated Food and Farm services are composed of three different units: Food Services Operations (statewide), Food Processing Plants and Warehouse Operations (we buy and grow our food and ship them out to the facilities), and Farming Operations. Mr. Wilson then asked Mr. English to elaborate on these units.

Mr. Joe English spoke about offsetting food cost for the Department by explaining a major component of the Georgia Department of Corrections Food and Farm section is the Statewide Farm Program. This program utilizes inmate labor to produce 42% of the Department's annual food requirements. The Farm Program consists of six farm operations located throughout the State. These include the following: Arrendale, Dooly, Montgomery, and Rogers State Prisons and stand-alone units such as Joe Kennedy Farm and Middle Georgia Regional Farm located in Milledgeville and Washington State Prison units. Mr. English discussed major production enterprises to include beef, pork, milk, fruits and vegetables, eggs, grits, and corn meal.

Mr. English talked about the Rogers State Prison Canning Plant. Some of the things mentioned were: their twelve month operation, employing up to 130 inmates daily-3 shifts, canning plant production trends for the year, and canning products such as beets, carrots, collards, Irish potatoes, kale, rutabagas, squash, sweet potatoes, and turnips. Mr. English stated that all products are grown there on that farm. In addition, Mr. English spoke about the milk production

distributed for Rogers State Prison's Dairy. The Dairy is currently milking 200 cows daily and supplies 100% of the milk needs statewide.

The Montgomery State Prison Layer Unit in Mount Vernon, Georgia egg production handles all the egg needs throughout the State. This is a 43 acres of land with 4 houses and a 117,200 bird capacity that has an onsite feedmill.

The Row Crops operation produces various field crops for utilization by livestock units and for cash sales. The feed crops produce corn, soybeans, corn silage, sorghum, and hay. The cash crops produce cotton, soybeans, wheat, and corn.

The Food Distribution Unit-(Meat Plant Operations) produces salisbury, chuckwagon, beef patties, beef links, chicken links, chicken patties, beef mix bulk, ground beef, and chicken.

To finish, Mr. Norman Wilson spoke about the Food and Farm Food Services. Mr. Wilson stated Food and Farm continues to manage the statewide food service program for GDC. Currently, the raw food cost for GDC facilities is \$1.55 per day. In addition to management of the GDC food service program, Food and Farm Services provide meal services to 3 county jails, as well as management of the Tift Cafeteria. GCI currently sells food items to 28 other state agencies and local governments at a cost savings to taxpayers.

The staff associated with the statewide food program works daily to assist both internal and external customers. Food and Farm Services actively seeks new customers on a daily basis to expand sales opportunities. The Food Service section continues to maintain and monitor GDC's master menu. This requires constant attention to ensure that nutritious meals are provided at a cost effective level. We currently produce 42% of Georgia Department of Corrections' annual food requirement.

Mr. Wilson also spoke about Fiscal Year 2012 Initiatives: GCI launched its new website that includes Food and Farm products that are available for purchase online for all governmental entities. In addition, we are in the final stages of negotiating an equipment lease program for agricultural equipment used at the various farm units. Also, efforts are underway to update our food processing capabilities and these efforts consist of updating equipment, seeking new product lines, integrating modern technology, etc. With many commodity prices at unprecedented levels, we are constantly adjusting our statewide farm program to not only shield our food service sector from these increases, but to seek opportunities to capitalize on these opportunities through sales of raw farm products.

That concluded the Commissioner's report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chairman John Mayes began his report, stating \$400.00 has been collected and donated from the Board toward the Georgia Prison Warden's Association Scholarship Fund. Vice Chairman Mayes then asked the Board to continue to donate to this fund until the scholarship goal of \$1000.00 is reached. The scholarship amount will be presented at the Georgia Prison Warden's Award Ceremony on June 11, 2012.

Vice Chairman Mayes read a card sent to the Board by Mr. Charles Hudson's family acknowledging receipt and appreciation for the flowers the Board sent to the family when Mr. Hudson passed away.

Vice Chairman Mayes requested approval of two resolutions. These resolutions are to honor correctional officers and correctional nurses in Georgia during their nationally recognized month of May. Mr. Jim Whitehead, Sr. and Mr. Dasher made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Bill Acuff and Ms. Rose Williams and voted approved by the Board. The Board will present these resolutions in honor of Correctional Officer's and Registered Nurse's Week at the Joint Board meeting on April 12th in Glennville.

To conclude, Mr. Wayne Dasher reminded the Board that the invitation to the 25th Annual Law Enforcement Dinner was in their booklets.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Tommy M. Rouse, Chairman

Rose Williams, Secretary

Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison