

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

April 12, 2012

Glennville, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tommy M. Rouse, Chairman
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Ashley Paulk, Jr.
Chief George Potter
Sheriff Carlton Powell
Dr. Henrie Treadwell
Mr. Jerry Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bill Acuff
Sherriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Kevin Tanner
Mr. Roger Waldrop
Mr. Jim Whitehead, Sr
Mr. Justin Wiedeman
Ms. Rose Williams

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Sam Olens, Attorney General
Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Brian Owens, Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Jamie Anderson, Georgia Department of Corrections
Ms. Lula Beard, Registered Nurse
Ms. Katherine Byrd, Correctional Officer
Mr. Stan Cooper, Probation Operations Director
Ms. Sandra Jones Diggins, Licensed Practical Nurse
Ms. Becky East, Administration Division Director
Mr. Stephen Evans, Correctional Officer
Mr. Stan Hall, Engineering & Construction Director
Mr. Donald Jones, Investigations Unit
Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel
Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison
Mr. John Laurence, Investigations Unit
Ms. Sharon Lewis, Medical Director
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Executive Assistant
Ms. Lourdes Monterrosa, Correctional Officer
Mr. Mark Morris, Probation Operations
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Investigations Unit
Ms. Vanessa O'Donnell, Facilities Operations
Mr. Jay Sanders, Probation Operations
Mr. Johnny Sikes, Facilities Operations
Mr. Forrest Simpson, Correctional Officer
Mr. Tom Sittnick, Health Services Director
Mr. Arnold Smith, OPT Division Director
Ms. Patricia Smith, Personnel Administration Director
Mr. Clay Tatum, Warden
Mr. Cedric Taylor, Field Operations Manager
Mr. David Taylor, Investigations Unit
Mr. Randy Tillman, Facilities Division Director
Mr. Anthony Terrell, Georgia Department of Corrections
Ms. Deborah Terry, Licensed Practical Nurse
Mr. Stanley Willis, Georgia Department of Corrections
Ms. Terry Yarbrough, Registered Nurse

Members, Board of Public Safety

Vice Chairman Ellis Wood
Chief Jon Canada, Secretary
Colonel Mark W. McDonough
Captain Terry Rehberg
Mr. Joseph Hood, Comptroller
Director Vernon M. Keenan, GBI
Director Timothy J. Bearden, GPSTC
Mr. Bill Bryant, GPSTC
Ms. Cheryl Buie, Board Liaison
Executive Director Ken Vance, POST
Georgia State Patrol staff

Members, Board of Pardons & Paroles

Chairman James E. Donald, Pardons and Paroles
Mr. Robert E. Keller, Board member
Director Michael Nail, Pardons and Paroles
Pardons and Paroles Employees

VISITORS:

Honorable Carol W. Hunstein, Chief Justice
Honorable Mike Boggs, Appeals Court Judge
Honorable F. Gates Peed, Superior Court Judge
Honorable A. Ronnie Rahn, III, Superior Court Judge
Honorable Hugh J. McCullough, State Court of Tattnall County Judge
Honorable, Chris Roessler, Mayor of Glennville
Mr. Tom Durden, District Attorney
Mr. Richard Mallard, District Attorney
Mr. Joe Skeens, District Attorney
Director Harris Blackwood, Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Deputy Director Spencer Moore, Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Captain Heath Dykes, Perry Police Department
Pastor Mike Howard, First Baptist Church
Ms. Barbara Lynn Howell, Executive Director CJCC
Chief Jessie Irene Pennington, Thunderbolt Police Department
Mr. Floyd Taylor, Department of Agriculture
Mr. Taylor Williams, AG Labor

This Board meeting, being a Joint Board Meeting with the Board of Public Safety and the Board of Pardons and Paroles, was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman James E. Donald of the Board of Pardons & Paroles. Chairman Donald began the meeting by calling on the Mayor of Glennville, Honorable Chris Roessler who welcomed all guests to the city of Glennville. Pastor Mike Howard of First Baptist Church then brought the invocation. Board of Corrections member, Mr. Wayne Dasher, then lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and recognized all guests. Mr. Dasher briefly spoke about Sheriff Cecil Nobles' legacy, the 25th anniversary of the Annual Law Enforcement Cookout, and the history of Glennville's farms and agriculture.

Commissioner Owens introduced keynote speaker Chief Justice Carol W. Hunstein and stated that Chief Justice Hunstein was valuable in assisting in the past legislative session's passage of the criminal sentencing reform bill.

Chief Justice Hunstein spoke on House Bill 1176, stating that the legislation will reduce prison system costs while helping to return non-violent offenders to productive citizens and taking them from being tax burdens to taxpayers. The criminal justice reform will place non-violent offenders, who are no threat to society, in alternative forms of correction. To conclude, Chief Justice Hunstein thanked all law enforcement.

Mr. Wayne Dasher thanked Chief Justice Hunstein for speaking and attending the Board meeting and presented her with a gift. Mr. Dasher also thanked Corrections staff for all the hard work they do every year by cooking and setting up for the joint meeting and the cookout.

Mr. Ellis Wood then proceeded to chair the Board of Public Safety. After completion of the Board of Public Safety meeting, the Board of Pardons and Paroles meeting began.

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Mr. Tommy Rouse, Chairman of the Board of Corrections, called to order the April meeting of the Board of Corrections. Chairman Rouse then introduced the members of the Board of Corrections to all guests.

Chairman Tommy Rouse then requested Commissioner Brian Owens and Mr. Randy Tillman to come forward to recognize correctional officers. Commissioner Owens read the Governor's Proclamation honoring Correctional Officers Week, which will be held May 1 - 7, 2012. Mr. Tillman introduced Officers Forrest Simpson, Kathrine Byrd, Stephen Evans, and Lourdes Monterrossa.

Chairman Rouse then requested to honor correctional nurses. Commissioner Owens read the Governor's Proclamation honoring Correctional Nurses Week, which will be held May 6 - 12, 2012. Mr. Tom Sittnick introduced Ms. Sandra Diggins, Ms. Terri Yarbrough, Ms. Deborah Terry and Ms. Lula Beard.

Chairman Rouse called for approval of the April Agenda. Chief George Potter made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Dr. Henrie Treadwell and was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Rouse called for approval of the Minutes from the March Board meeting. Chief George Potter made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Sheriff Carlton Powell and was voted approved by the Board as presented.

In closing, Commissioner Brian Owens presented a framed picture on behalf of Governor Nathan Deal to Mr. Mark Osburn and Mr. Kenneth Boyett who supervised inmates at Ware State Prison while they built a podium for the Governor's use to speak at the State Capitol.

This concluded Commissioner Owens' report.

Chairman Rouse reminded the Board of Corrections that the next meeting would be at State Offices South at Tift College in Forsyth on May 3, 2012.

To conclude, Mr. Wayne Dasher reminded everyone that they were all invited to the 25th Annual Law Enforcement Cookout later that evening.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Tommy M. Rouse, Chairman

Rose Williams, Secretary

Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison