

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
January 3, 2013
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tommy M. Rouse, Chairman
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Sherriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Mr. John Mayes
Chief George Potter
Mr. Roger Waldrop
Mr. Jerry Willis
Ms. Rose Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Ashley Paulk, Jr.

CONFERENCE CALL:

Mr. Bill Acuff

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Brian Owens, Commissioner
Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Assistant 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
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Executive Assistant

VISITORS:

Mr. Bruce Bowers, Massey, Watson, Bowers & Hembree LLC.

Chairman Tommy M. Rouse called the January meeting of the Board of Corrections to order at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison Simone Juhmi-Green recorded the minutes. Chairman Rouse asked Chaplain Danny Horne to give the invocation.

Chairman Rouse welcomed all visitors to the Board of Corrections and confirmed Mr. Bill Acuff was connected via conference call, and the Board meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed to business.

Chairman Rouse presented to the Board the January Agenda for approval. Mr. Bruce Hudson and Sheriff Roger Garrison made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Ms. Rose Williams, and was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Rouse presented to the Board the December Minutes for approval. Sheriff Roger Garrison and Mr. Wayne Dasher 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 Owens presented the Upcoming Events for January, February, and March 2013. Significantly mentioned were the 2013 Legislative Session beginning on January 14th, Georgia Probation Association Mid-Winter Conference on February 27th and the Forsythia Festival in Forsyth on March 15th.

Commissioner Owens distributed a binder with GDC's Facebook "Fact Sheet Friday" articles stating that the Board would receive updated articles regarding GDC every month. Commissioner Owens reported on the Jail Backlog count, which is at 1,839. The Probation

Awaiting count is at 282; the total count is 2121 state inmates in the jail system across the state. To expand on the Backlog, Commissioner Owens gave the Board a brief update on Backlog Trends.

Next, Commissioner Owens briefed on the Whitworth Conversion. Commissioner Owens stated that the Whitworth Parole Revocation Center is a 436 bed facility located in Hartwell, Georgia. The facility is used to assist parolees in re-entry through work details and programming. We were notified by Parole in November that due to a recent policy change they would only need 200 of the 436 beds. We felt this was a perfect opportunity to reduce the female jail backlog and we moved 200 revoked parolees to the Washington State Prison Annex. The movement of offenders/conversion started the week of November 12th and the conversion is slated to be finished and the facility will be filled by March 1st.

Commissioner Owens spoke about the Pistol Competition Probation won between Probation Operations and Facility Operations and then introduced Stan Cooper.

Mr. Stan Cooper, Director of Probation Operations, presented on the Atlanta Joint Task Force. Mr. Cooper gave the history, stating that GDC started conducting Joint Task Force Operations throughout Georgia in 2010. The mission is a collaborative effort between GDC and local law enforcement on community safety issues. The goal is to enhance public safety. Mr. Cooper also spoke about the previous Task Force Operations and the Atlanta Joint Task Force Personnel. Some areas of focus were to conduct city-wide warrant service, sex offender compliance checks, and increased police presence while using roadblocks. This concluded Mr. Cooper's report.

This concluded Commissioner Owens' report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Rouse began his report by stating that the Board has lost four members due to the redistricting of Georgia. Chairman Rouse stated that the Board will present resolutions to those four members at the April Board meeting in Glennville, Georgia.

Chairman Rouse asked Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel for the Office of Legal Services to present the Wardlow House demolition request property resolution for Board approval. Mr. Jones stated that the property has been identified as a hazard and presents a security and health concern. The estimated property repair and remodel costs for possible uses identified to date far exceed the cost to demolish the house so we are asking for the Board to approve this request.

Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Chief George Potter, and the resolution was voted approved by the Board.

Chairman Rouse reminded the Board that the next meeting would be in Atlanta on February 7, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

John Mayes, Chairman

Carl L. Franklin, Secretary

Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison