

## **BOARD OF CORRECTIONS**

**March 7, 2013**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Ashley Paulk, Jr.  
Tommy M. Rouse

### **CONFERENCE CALL:**

Mr. Bill Acuff  
Mr. Jerry Willis

### **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. Joe English, Statewide Farm Administrator  
Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison  
Mr. John Laurence, Investigations Unit  
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Executive Assistant  
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Statewide Food Administrator  
Mr. Jay Sanders, Probation Operations  
Ms. Betsy Thomas, Probation Operations  
Mr. Charles Tolbert, Chaplain  
Mr. Norman Wilson, Executive Director of GCI

### **VISITORS:**

Mr. David Pratt, Southern Strategy Group  
Ms. Sara Totonchi, Southern Center for Human Rights

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. Chairman Mayes led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Mayes presented to the Board the March Agenda for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher and Chief George Potter made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Sheriff Roger Garrison, and was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Mayes presented to the Board the February Minutes for approval. Mr. Bruce Hudson made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Chief George Potter, and the Minutes were voted approved by the Board as presented.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Brian Owens began his report by discussing the Upcoming Events for March, April and May 2013. Significantly mentioned were the Tift Alumnae Weekend, the Military Job Fair, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner, the Joint Board Meeting, and the GDC Annual Awards.

Commissioner Owens reported on the Jail Backlog count, which is at 1,407. The Probation Awaiting count is at 184; the total count is 1591 state inmates in the jail system across the state. Commissioner Owens stated the Sheriff's count is at 3,127; both counts are correct.

Commissioner Owens asked Mr. Jay Sanders to introduce Ms. Betsy Thomas of Probation Operations. Mr. Sanders introduced Ms. Betsy Thomas and stated Ms. Thomas will be presenting on the Criminal Justice Reform Legislation.

Ms. Betsy Thomas gave an overview of the 2012 Legislation for House Bill 1176 which included the sentence thresholds/penalty ranges for burglary, theft, forgery and drug possession. Ms. Thomas stated that all counties have agreed to use the e-portal and 13 counties remain to submit through the portal on the Electronic Records Submissions. Currently, we are receiving over 500 sentences per week and over 12,000 sentences were received since July 1, 2012. In addition, the Probation Detention Center (PDC) Cap establishes a 180 day cap on length of stay. The waiting list as of March 4<sup>th</sup> is 184 females and 0 males. Ms. Thomas also spoke about the Probation Detention Center Backlog, Pre-Sentence Assessments, Pre-Release Center Conversions (3 centers), 2 Integrated Treatment Facilities (ITF), Appling (Male), West Central (Female), 1 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center (RSAT), Turner (Male) and the DRC Lite Program and Circuits.

Subsequently, Ms. Thomas discussed the 2013 Legislation of House Bill 349. Some of the items mentioned were Drug Trafficking, the Seven Deadly Sins, Definition of "Unsupervised" Probation, the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform 15 member panel, Offender Paid Drug Screens, Medical Reprieves and Driving Permits for Accountability Courts.

Commissioner Owens then asked Mr. Norman Wilson, Director of Georgia Correctional Industries to introduce Ms. Amy Pataluna, Food Administrator and Mr. Joe English, Farm Administrator for Georgia Correctional Industries. Mr. Wilson stated that both Administrators will give an overview of the Food and Farm Services and Operations.

Ms. Amy Pataluna began by stating a major component of Georgia Correctional Industries Food and Farm Division is the development and maintenance of inmate menus. Currently the Food Service Operations for Department of Corrections oversees 55 facilities including Hays & Phillips State Prison, Tift Cafeteria in Forsyth and Cafeteria at Clay National Guard, Marietta. Ms. Pataluna discussed the percentage of farm produced products and master menus which are developed and maintained in nutritional software programs to ensure key nutrients are being met. In addition, Ms. Pataluna briefed on the program that allows Food Service Operations statewide to access menus, production sheets, meal trend information and the ability to monitor their budget. Ms. Pataluna continued with information on the regular master menu for general population, medical diets, menu costs, GDC's average food cost per inmate, menu cost summary, emergency response capabilities and equipment for natural disasters/state emergencies, GDC emergencies, local disasters, major construction projects, Food Distribution Unit and the Meat Plant Operations.

Mr. Joe English began by discussing the livestock inventories, Rogers State Prison Canning Plant, canning plant production, Rogers State Prison Dairy, milk production, Montgomery State Prison Layer Unit, egg production, row crops and additional support entities such as administration and the feedmill/shop. To conclude, Mr. English gave an overview of the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year Food Services and Farm Operation Production along with the 2013 Initiatives and Farm Services Revenues. This concluded Mr. English's report.

This concluded Commissioner Owens' report.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Mayes began his report by giving an update on the Georgia Prison Wardens Association Scholarship Fund and the Board of Corrections Flower Fund.

Chairman Mayes then reminded the Board that the next meeting would be a Joint Board meeting and asked Mr. Wayne Dasher to give an update on the Law Enforcement Appreciation

Dinner. Both events are in Glennville, Georgia on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dasher distributed an itinerary and gave a brief overview of some of the events that are scheduled. Some of the highlights mentioned were the Job Fair at the National Guard Armory, the Department of Juvenile Justice joining the Joint meeting this year, attempting to confirm Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle as the Keynote Speaker for the Joint meeting and Governor Nathan Deal will be the Guest Speaker for the Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner.

Chairman Mayes requested approval of two resolutions. Chairman Mayes stated these resolutions are to honor Correctional Officers and Registered Nurses in Georgia during their nationally recognized month of May. Chief George Potter and Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Sheriff Roger Garrison and Mr. Bill Acuff and voted approved by the Board. Chairman Mayes stated the Board will present these resolutions in honor of Correctional Officers and Registered Nurses Week at the Joint Board meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Glennville.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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John Mayes, Chairman

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Carl L. Franklin, Secretary

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Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison