

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

June 6, 2013

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Tommy M. Rouse
Ms. Rose Williams
Mr. Jerry Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. John Mayes, Chairman

CONFERENCE CALL:

Mr. Bill Acuff
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard

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. Walton Davis, Warden-Hall County
Ms. Becky East, Administration Division Director
Mr. Danny Horne, Chaplain
Mr. Rick Jacobs, FOM, Acting Warden-Hays State Prison
Mr. Darrell Johnson, Warden-Gwinnett County
Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison
Mr. Mike Kraft, Director of Probation Operations
Mr. John Laurence, Investigations Unit
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Executive Assistant
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Director of Investigations & Compliance
Ms. Cynthia Nelson, Field Operations Manager
Mr. Randy Tillman, Director of Facilities Operations

VISITORS:

Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin
Zerlynda Fleming, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget

Vice Chairman Rose Williams called the June meeting of the Board of Corrections to order at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison Simone Juhmi-Green recorded the minutes. Vice Chairman Williams asked Chaplain Danny Horne to give the invocation. Vice Chairman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all visitors.

Vice Chairman Williams confirmed Mr. Bill Acuff, Sheriff Roger Garrison and Sheriff Stacy Jarrard were connected via conference call, and the Board meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed to business.

Vice Chairman Williams presented to the Board the June Agenda for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Bruce Hudson, and was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Vice Chairman Williams presented to the Board the May Minutes for approval. Mr. Bruce Hudson made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Tommy Rouse, 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 June, July and August 2013. Significantly mentioned were the Georgia Prison Wardens Association, the Fishing Derby on Tift Campus, the GDC Quarterly Awards Ceremony and the Georgia Probation Association Summer Training Conference on August 21-23rd at Jekyll Island. Plus, Commissioner Owens asked Mr. Carl Franklin to give a brief summary about his experience at the Georgia Prison Wardens Association.

Next, Commissioner Owens reported on the Jail Backlog count, which is at 929. The Probation Awaiting count is at 350; the total count is 1279 state inmates in the jail system across the state. Commissioner Owens stated the Sheriff's count is at 2,785; both counts are correct. Moreover, Commissioner Owens spoke about the backlog numbers being at an all time low, the backlog process, the expected savings for the next fiscal year, the transition of the Whitworth PRC to a women's prison facility, the transition of Bleckley to a female PDC and an update on the fact that there is no female backlog.

In addition, Commissioner Owens spoke about the Officer Down Memorial Dedication Wall Ceremony that was held on May 29th at State Offices South at Tift College to honor those members of the Department of Corrections who gave their lives in service to the state.

Then, Commissioner Owens asked Mr. Rick Jacobs, Field Operations Manager and Acting Warden of Hays State Prison to present on the Hardening Process for Level 5 Prisons. Mr. Jacobs started his presentation by explaining that not all prisons are the same. He talked about the prison stratification system and that Level 5 prisons consist of very problematic and violent inmate population. Items discussed in Mr. Jacobs' presentation were different types of inmates to include violent, long term sentenced inmates and mental health/chronic care inmates. Additionally, Mr. Jacobs talked about enhancing staff protection and the process for hardening beds, buildings, movement, the infrastructure- lock & control mechanism, heater vent covers, lockers, lights, stainless steel toilets and cameras. To conclude the presentation, Mr. Jacobs showed a picture of a completed Level 5 prison cell after the hardening process. This concluded Mr. Jacobs' report.

Afterwards, Mr. Randy Tillman, Director of Facilities Operations presented on Cell Phone Interdiction. Mr. Tillman began his report by stating the Communications Act of 1934 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 prohibit the operation of cell-phone-jamming equipment by any person, including state and local officials. Mr. Tillman stated that cell phones are a growing problem and more than 600 civilians and 113 staff have been arrested for attempting to introduce contraband into GDC Facilities. Furthermore, he talked about the amount of cell phones that have been confiscated since 2010. To conclude his report, Mr. Tillman discussed how managed access systems intercept calls. This concluded Mr. Tillman's report.

To follow, Ms. Becky East, Director of Administration Division gave a Procurement Update on high value, high profile procurements currently underway within the department. Ms. East discussed the process for the Inmate Telephone System, Inmate Commissary, Offender Services (Financial Services/Kiosks), Mental Health/Integrated Treatment Facility Services, Dental Health Services, and Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT). To summarize Ms. East report, Board Attorney Joseph Drolet spoke briefly about what the guidelines were for the department and for board members during the RFP process.

This concluded Commissioner Owens' report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chairman Williams began her report by stating we have three resolutions honoring former Board members, M. Ashley Paulk Jr., George Potter and Roger Waldrop. These resolutions are in appreciation to these members for their service on the Board of Corrections. Vice Chairman Williams asked for approval of all three resolutions. Mr. Tommy Rouse and Mr. Carl Franklin made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher and Mr. Bruce Hudson and all three resolutions were voted approved by the Board.

To follow, Vice Chairman Williams asked the Board for a motion to approve a resolution honoring the Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Officers Week which is nationally recognized from July 21-27, 2013. Mr. Tommy Rouse made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher and voted approved by the Board.

Vice Chairman Williams asked the Board if they needed to go into Executive Session to review the County Wardens. The Board agreed no Executive Session was needed. The Board proceeds to move into Regular Session to approve two County Wardens. Vice Chairman Williams called upon Mr. Wayne Dasher, Chair of the Operations Committee to update the Board on their decisions.

Mr. Wayne Dasher stated that the Operations Committee has received two board packets on two County Wardens. The first was for Warden Darrell Johnson of Gwinnett County Prison. The second report is for Warden Walton Davis of Hall County Prison. Mr. Dasher stated that the Operations Committee has reviewed both candidates' reports and the Committee is unanimously recommending approval of both individuals to the Board for full approval.

Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve both County Wardens, which was seconded by Sheriff Roger Garrison and voted approved by the Board. Mr. Dasher congratulated both County Wardens.

Vice Chairman Williams asked for a motion to meet as the Georgia Correctional Industries Administration Board. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Carl Franklin and voted approved by the Board.

Vice Chairman Williams asked for a motion to meet in Executive Session to discuss Item # 9 on the agenda. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tommy Rouse and everyone present voted affirmatively to go into Executive Session.

Following Executive Session, the Georgia Correctional Industries Administration Board reconvened into Regular Session.

Vice Chairman Williams asked for a motion to approve Item # 9 on the agenda the pay adjustment from \$90,000 to \$101,000 annually for the Executive Director of GCI. Mr. Bruce Hudson made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Jerry Willis and voted approved by the Board.

Vice Chairman Williams asked for a motion to exit the Georgia Correctional Industries Administration Board and return as the Corrections Board. Mr. Wayne Dasher and Mr. Carl Franklin made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Duke Blackburn and voted approve by the Board.

As the Corrections Board reconvened Vice Chairman Williams continued with Old or New Business stating that Chairman John Mayes assigned each member to at least two Committees and once we have more members on the Board he plans to revise the Committee Assignment list.

Vice Chairman Williams reminded the Board that there will not be a Board meeting in July or August unless there is official business that must be voted on by the Board. Therefore, the next Board meeting will be September 5th.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bruce Hudson made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher and voted approved by the Board.

Therefore, the meeting was adjourned.

John Mayes, Chairman

Carl L. Franklin, Secretary

Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison