

**BOARD OF CORRECTIONS**

**November 7, 2013**

**Forsyth, Georgia**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. John Mayes, Chairman  
Mr. Bill Acuff  
Mr. Lee Anderson  
Mr. Duke Blackburn  
Mr. Wayne Dasher  
Mr. Carl Franklin  
Sheriff Roger Garrison  
Mr. Bruce Hudson  
Mr. J. M. "Bob" Plemons  
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse  
Mr. Alton Russell  
Ms. Rose Williams  
Mr. Jerry Willis  
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**CONFERENCE CALL:**

Sheriff Stacy Jarrard

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:**

Mr. Brian Owens, Commissioner  
Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Assistant Commissioner  
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner  
Mr. Jimmie Colson, Sumter County  
Mr. Johnny Duckworth, Mitchell County  
Mr. Tracey Hobbs, Sumter County  
Mr. Danny Horne, Chaplain  
Mr. Donald Jones, Investigations Unit  
Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel  
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  
Mr. Jay Sanders, Special Assistant to Director of Probation  
Mr. William Terry, Mitchell County  
Mr. Randy Tillman, Director of Facilities Operations

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Ms. Amy Radley, Assistant Attorney General

**VISITORS:**

Ms. Sophia Andrade, Reclaim Our Dignity  
Ms. Chasity Catlin, Citizen  
Ms. Zerlynda Fleming, Office of Planning & Budget  
Ms. Kathryn Hamoudah, Southern Center for Human Rights  
Mr. Joe Hood, Office of Planning & Budget  
Ms. Vamita Hullander, Catoosa Coroner  
Ms. Anne Taylor, Citizen

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

Chairman Mayes confirmed that Sheriff Stacy Jarrard was connected via conference call and the Board meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed to business.

Chairman Mayes presented the November Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Bill Acuff. The Agenda was approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Mayes presented the October Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Lee Anderson made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Duke Blackburn and the Minutes were approved by the Board as presented.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Brian Owens began his report by asking the members to keep former Board member Chief George Potter in their prayers as he has been ill. Commissioner Owens then discussed the Upcoming Events for November 2013, December 2013 and January 2014. Commissioner Owens mentioned the Wardens vs. Probation Chiefs Firearms Competition, the Voices of Hope Concert and the 2014 Legislative Session that begins on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Next, Commissioner Owens reported on the Jail Backlog count, which is at 214. The total number of probationers waiting for placement is 527. Thus, the total number of state sentenced inmates in the state-wide jail system is 741. Commissioner Owens stated the Sheriff's count is at 2,156; both counts are correct.

Commissioner Owens then asked Mr. Jay Sanders, Special Assistant to the Director of Probation Operations, to give an update on the Risk/Needs Assessment and Offender Programming. Mr. Sanders began his presentation by addressing why we assess an offender's risks and needs. Mr. Sanders provided information on when the Department assesses offenders, the automated probation supervision assessment, the evolving GDC vision, the assessment evolution and the next generation development and pre-sentence assessment pilot. Additionally, Mr. Sanders spoke about the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) and Probation Substance Abuse Treatment (PSAT) programs that help offenders return to society as law abiding, self-supporting, pro-social citizens. Furthermore, Mr. Sanders discussed how Integrated Treatment Facilities may be used as a sanction for offenders who fail to meet probation conditions and have a verifiable history of mental illness and substance abuse. To conclude his presentation, Mr. Sanders spoke about how the Department is supporting accountability courts by offering community based treatment options, such as, Day Reporting Centers and Day Reporting Center (DRC) Lite at locations throughout Georgia.

This concluded Commissioner Owens' report.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Mayes began his report by asking Chaplain Danny Horne to say a special prayer for Chief George Potter who has been ill.

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

Mr. Wayne Dasher stated that the Operations Committee had received two board packets on two County Wardens. The first was for Mr. Tracey Hobbs, Deputy Warden of Care and Treatment of Sumter County Correctional Institution. The second report was for Mr. Johnny Duckworth, Jr., Deputy Warden of Mitchell County Correctional Institution. Mr. Dasher stated that the Operations Committee had reviewed both candidates' reports and that the Committee unanimously recommends 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 Mr. Tommy Rouse and Mr. Bill Acuff and was then voted approved by the Board. Mr. Dasher congratulated both individuals.

Chairman Mayes then asked Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel of Legal Services, to explain the Notice of Proposed Board of Corrections Rule 125-2-1.14 Retention of Department Issued Weapon After 20 Years of Service. Mr. Jones stated that the proposed rule would be considered and posted for 30 days and would then be up for adoption by the Board. The purpose of the proposed rule is to establish the retention of Department issued weapons for certain Department retirees. The text of the proposed rule is as follows: "Employees leaving the service of the Department under honorable conditions who have accumulated 20 or more years of service within the Department as a certified officer shall be entitled as part of such employee's compensation to retain his or her Department issued weapon. The Commissioner shall establish standard operating procedures for retention of weapons for employees of the Department of Corrections who meet the requirements specified above. The Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee, shall be the approving authority for retention of Department issued weapons. Authority O.C.G.A. § 42-2-16."

Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve the posting of Rule 125-2-1.14, which was then seconded by Sheriff Roger Garrison and Mr. Carl Franklin. The Board then voted and approved the request to post Rule 125-2-1.14 for 30 days.

Chairman Mayes asked Mr. Wayne Dasher, Chair of the Nominations Committee, to speak about the Secretary position. Mr. Dasher stated the committee is still reviewing all nominations and the committee will take all nominations under consideration and will advise at the next meeting who the Secretary will be.

Chairman Mayes continued with Old or New Business. Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel of Legal Services, presented two resolutions. Mr. Jones began his report by stating that the first resolution is a request to approval the name change of LaGrange Transitional Center to the Charles D. Hudson, Sr. Transitional Center in honor of Mr. Hudson's service to the Board of Corrections and to the city of LaGrange. Sheriff Roger Garrison made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Duke Blackburn. The Board then voted and approved the request for the name change.

The second resolution presented by Mr. Jones was a property resolution. Mr. Jones presented a property resolution on a Georgia Bureau of Investigation property transfer. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation has ceased operations on the property and has no intent to use the property in the future and the Georgia Department of Corrections desires a custody transfer of the property for future use as a support building for Hays State Prison. Mr. Roger Garrison made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher, and the property resolution was then voted approved by the Board.

There being no further business, Chairman Mayes reminded the Board that the next Board meeting is December 5th at State Offices South at Tift College in Forsyth.

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