

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

June 5, 2014

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Mayes, Chairman
Mr. Bill Acuff
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:

Mr. Lee Anderson
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Commissioner Brian Owens
Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner
Ryan Baird, P.O. III, Lawrenceville PO
Will Driver, Field Operations Manager-SE Area
Mr. Walter Hudson, Investigations Unit
Mr. Rick Jacobs, Director of Facility Operations
Deonna Johnston, P.O. III, Jackson PO
Mr. Donald Jones, Investigations Unit
Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel
Ms. Gayle Jordan, Chaplain
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Michael Kraft, Director of Probation Operations
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Executive Assistant
Marcia McIntyre, Deputy Director, Probation Operations
Mark Morris, Deputy Director, Probation Operations
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Director of OIC
Sydney Reed, P.O. III, Macon PO
Jay Sanders, Probation Operations
Georg Trexler, Chief, Brunswick Circuit
Marissa Viverito, P.O. II, Atlanta PO

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

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

VISITORS:

Kathryn Hamoudah, Southern Center for Human Rights

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

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

Chairman Mayes presented the May Minutes to the Board for approval. Sheriff Roger Garrison made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Bruce Hudson and Mr. Wayne Dasher 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 2014. Significantly mentioned were the Annual Award Ceremony on June 24th, the Military Job Fair at Fort Stewart and the Southern States Correctional Association/Georgia Probation Association conference in Savannah, Georgia.

Next, Commissioner Owens reported on the Jail Backlog count, which is at 303. The total number of probationers waiting for placement is 476. Thus, the total number of state sentenced inmates in the state-wide jail system is 779. Commissioner Owens stated the Sheriff's count is at 2,279; both counts are correct.

Commissioner Owens called on Mr. Michael Kraft to present his report. Mr. Kraft gave a brief summary and introduction on Probation Operations. To follow, Mr. Kraft called on Ms. Marcia McIntyre, Deputy Director of Probation Operations to present her report on "Who We Are".

Ms. McIntyre went over the amount of staff the Probation division has, the amount of offenders we supervise such as standard risk offenders, high risk offenders and special level offenders (SPS, IPS, DRC). In addition, Ms. McIntyre spoke about the 49 Judicial Circuits, the overall budget for the probation division and the mission of Probation. Moreover, Ms. McIntyre gave a brief overview of the Automatic Risk Assessment, the Next Generation Assessment and the Pre-Sentence Assessment. To conclude, Ms. McIntyre highlighted the Community Service Board Collaboration, the Mental Health Probation Officer Specialist job duties, the Day Reporting Centers (DRCs) and DRC Lites main purpose, the Automated Assessment to include Bridge Assessment, the Next Generation Assessment (NGA) and the technology that is available for the courts. This concluded Ms. McIntyre's report. Ms. McIntyre then introduced Mr. Will Driver, Field Operations Manager for the Southeast region, to begin his report.

Mr. Driver began his report by talking about "What We Do". Mr. Driver's stated that Probation Officers core mission is to enhance public safety and to serve the courts. In addition, Mr. Driver spoke about what a typical day in the life of a Probation Officer is like. This concluded Mr. Driver's report. Mr. Driver then introduced Ms. Deonna Johnston, POIII, Jackson Probation Office, Mr. Ryan Baird, POIII, Lawrenceville Probation Office, Ms. Sydney Reed, POIII, Macon Probation Office, Ms. Marissa Viverito, POII, Atlanta Probation Office and Mr. Georg Trexler, Chief, of the Brunswick Circuit.

To begin, Ms. Johnston explained the job of a Probation Officer Sentencing Specialist (POSS). Then, Mr. Baird spoke about the field supervision process and probation case loads. To follow, Ms. Reed spoke about case management and the normal duties for a Mental Health Probation Officer Specialist. Plus, Ms. Viverito gave an overview on Community Impact Program (CIP). To close, Mr. Trexler spoke on tactical squads.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Mayes began his report by asking the Board members if they would like to cancel the July and August board meetings. After some discussion, the Board members agreed to cancel the July and August meetings unless there is official business that must be voted on. Chairman Mayes asked for a motion. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Ms. Rose Williams, and the canceling of the July and August Board meetings was voted approved by the Board. Therefore, the next Board meeting will be September 4th in Forsyth, Georgia.

Chairman Mayes continued asking for any Old or New Business. Chairman Mayes 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 13-19, 2014. Sheriff Roger Garrison made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bill Acuff and voted approved by the Board. Chairman Mayes stated this resolution will be presented to a group of Probation Officers in July during the nationally recognized week.

Next, Mr. Robert E. Jones presented a property resolution. This Board Resolution is for approval to amend existing lease to increase amount of space leased to MCG Health, Inc. also known as Georgia Regents University which currently operates the 340B Clinic at Augusta State Medical Prison.

Mr. J.M. "Bob" Plemons made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Bill Acuff, and the property resolution was voted approved by the Board.

There being no further business, Chairman Mayes reminded the Board that a badge audit will be conducted and an official board photo will be taken at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

John Mayes, Chairman

Jerry Willis, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison