

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

November 6, 2014

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Mayes, Chairman
Ms. Sonja R. Allen
Mr. Lee Anderson
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Mac Collins
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. Andrea Shelton
Ms. Rose Williams
Mr. Jerry Willis
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheriff Stacy Jarrard

CONFERENCE CALL:

Mr. Bill Acuff

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Commissioner Brian Owens
Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Assistant Commissioner
Dr. L.C. "Buster" Evans, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Becky East, Director of Admin Division
Mr. Walter Hudson, Investigations Unit
Mr. Rick Jacobs, Director of Facilities Operations
Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Michael Kraft, Director of Probation Operations
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Executive Assistant
Mr. Johnny Miller, Investigations Unit
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Director of OIC
Mr. Tom Sittnick, Director of OHS
Mr. Arnold Smith, Director of OPTD
Ms. Patricia Smith, Director of CPA
Mr. Steven Turner, Chaplain
Mr. Norman Wilson, Executive Director, GCI

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Mr. Dick Anderson, Citizen
Mr. David Pratt, Southern Strategy Group

Chairman John Mayes called the November 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 Steven Turner to give the invocation.

Chairman Mayes led the Pledge of Allegiance and recognized all guests and visitors at the meeting.

Next, Chairman Mayes confirmed Mr. Bill Acuff 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. Lee Anderson and the Agenda was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Mayes presented the October Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Bruce Hudson made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Tommy M. Rouse and Ms. Rose Williams 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 November 2014, December 2014 and January 2015. Significantly mentioned were the Wardens vs. Chiefs Pistol Competition, the Military Job Fair and the 2015 Legislative Session starting on January 12th.

Commissioner Owens then reported on the Jail Backlog count, which is at 212. The total number of probationers waiting for placement is 522. Thus, the total number of state sentenced inmates in the state-wide jail system is 734. Commissioner Owens stated the Sheriff's count is at 2,696; both counts are correct.

Commissioner Owens called on Mr. Tom Sittnick, Director of Health Services to present his report. Mr. Sittnick's presentation included an overview of some of the health services initiatives such as the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Memorandum of Understanding, Emory University Partnership/Childbirth Education Program, Mammogram Screening/Sisters by Choice and the Institute of Public & Preventive Health (IPPH) Partnership.

To follow, Mr. Arnold Smith, Director of Operations, Planning and Training Division, began his presentation on the Monthly Roll-up. Mr. Smith gave a brief summary and introduction of the monthly roll-up process. Mr. Smith stated the purpose of the Monthly Roll-up is to provide an update to the senior leadership of where the agency currently stands. The top commodity areas of focus are: mission accomplishment of the agency, operational agility and fiscal management. Mr. Smith called on Ms. Becky East to present her report for the Administration Division.

Ms. Becky East, Director of Administration Division, presented the monthly budget update for FY 2015. Ms. East's presentation focused on expenditure projection by program, the budget status lapse factor management and Georgia's Energy Challenge on how all state agencies can reduce energy consumption. Ms. East then introduced Ms. Patricia Smith, Director of Human Resources to present her report.

Ms. Smith began her report with the monthly overtime cost for the department. Ms. Smith continued her report with highlights on Georgia State Employees' Pension and Saving Plan, turnover rates, workers' compensation, and FLSA comp time accumulation trends for each division and facility. This concluded Ms. Smith's report. Ms. Smith then introduced Mr. Rick Jacobs, Director of Facilities Operations, to begin his report.

Mr. Jacobs's report began with the statewide prison bed space utilization, the jail backlog, facility population and some brief statistical incident information. Mr. Jacobs then introduced Mr. Mike Kraft, Director of Probation Operations, to begin his report.

Mr. Kraft spoke about the number of actively supervised probation cases, the number of cases that are standard, high, intensive, and other special level cases. In addition, Mr. Kraft discussed the amount of offenders that are in compliance with court financials, employable and unemployable offenders, drug screens that are conducted, and community service. Next, Mr. Kraft called on Mr. Tom Sittnick, Director of Health Services to present his report.

Mr. Sittnick began his report with the medical update on the physical mental and dental health of inmates, the combined telemedicine consults, and telemedicine total cost avoidance by the Department that does not reflect telepsych. Plus, Mr. Sittnick went over the cost for the top 200 sickest inmates, the percentage of all medical claims, hospital admissions per 1,000, the total amount of hospital days and the average length of stay in the hospital for inmates. Lastly, Mr.

Sittnick discussed the average time it takes for an inmate to be released after they are granted a medical reprieve. This concluded Mr. Sittnick's report.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Mayes began his report by asking Mr. Wayne Dasher, Chair of the Nominations Committee, to speak about the Nomination of Officers for 2015. Mr. Dasher stated the committee reviewed all nominations and the nominees were based on tenure and a willingness to serve. Therefore, the committee would like to nominate Ms. Rose Williams for the position of Chairman, Mr. Jerry Willis for the position of Vice Chairman and Mr. Alton Russell for the position of Secretary at the December board meeting. There was some discussion and Mr. Dasher stated that the committee would take any new nominations into consideration if presented. The committee will meet again in December to make their final nominations and full recommendation to the board.

Chairman Mayes continued asking for any Old or New Business. Chairman Mayes stated we need to change the January 1st board date due to that day being a state holiday. The suggestion was for January 15th in Atlanta. There was some discussion. Mr. Bruce Hudson made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Sheriff Roger Garrison and Mr. Carl L. Franklin and the new date of January 15th in Atlanta, was voted approved by the Board.

Plus, Mr. Wayne Dasher asked the board to move the April 2nd board meeting to April 16th, in Glennville to combine the meeting as a Joint meeting with the Board of Public Safety. Mr. Dasher continued by explaining the Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Cookout is also held in Glennville that day and he would like to invite the board members. There was some discussion. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Sheriff Roger Garrison and the new date of April 16th in Glennville, was voted approved by the Board.

Chairman Mayes reminded the Board that the next meeting will be on December 4th at State Offices South at Tift College in Forsyth, Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

John Mayes, Chairman

Jerry Willis, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison