

WVDCR JAIL BOARD MEETING Previous Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday – June 22, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting held at WVDCR Central Office 1409 Greenbrier St. Charleston, WV 25311

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by Chairman Couch.

Betsy Jividen performed a roll call of members.

Members Present:

1. David B. Couch, Chairman
2. Mark Scott, WVDOA Cabinet Secretary
3. Betsy Jividen, WVDCR Commissioner of Corrections
4. William Marshall, WVDCR Assistant Commissioner, Juvenile Services
5. Charles Zerkle, Sheriff
6. Matthew Arvon, Doctor (telephone)

Member Absent:

1. Jeff Sandy, WVDHS Cabinet Secretary
2. David Hinkle, County Commissioner
3. Bill Merriman, Law

Others Present:

Brad Douglas, DCR Chief of Staff
Brandolyn Felton Ernest, WVDHS General Counsel
Sheila Daves, Executive Assistant/Minutes

Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes: Chuck Zerkle

Second: Matthew Arvon

None Opposed

Brad Douglas provided the board with the jail per-diem rate has been capped at \$48.25 until July 1, 2023. Mr. Douglas provided the board with a handout that shows the WV jails daily count of 5,170, which is around 900 over capacity. Included in his packet was a chart that showed how much the state saved in costs to the counties in the past 4 years. Within the past four years, the state saved the counties over \$100,000,000 by the per diem cap, conviction and sentencing date, increase in salary, the GOALS program, and certain administrative costs. If the cost savings did not happen, and a cap wasn't placed, the estimated per-diem rate set by the budget office would \$54.13 for fiscal year 2022.

The Legislative oversight committee has met for the past 3 months to discuss the per diem costs. They requested a breakdown of the arresting agencies of inmates being brought in to compare costs. They have also established a study group on per diem costs that will happen once a month.

The GOALS program is currently located in 4 jails and another jail is about to open the program as well.

Wexford, who is the medical provider for the prisons, was awarded the contract for the jails. The new contract The contract takes effect in late June.

Adjournment: 1:42PM