

MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL

Serving Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and the Counties of Augusta and Rockingham

June 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Augusta County Government Center 18 Government Center Lane Verona Virginia 24482

CALL TO ORDER

Upon determination of a quorum, Mr. Banks, Chairman, called the June 3, 2025, Middle River Regional Jail Authority Board meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Members Present:

Alexander Banks, VI, Harrisonburg City Manager (Chairman)
Casey Anthony, Rockingham County Administrator
Timothy Fitzgerald, Augusta County Administrator
Michael G. Hamp, Waynesboro City Manager
Leslie Beauregard, Staunton City Manager (Vice Chairperson)
Jennifer Whetzel, Augusta County Assistant Administrator
Patricia Davidson, Rockingham County Administrator for Finance and Operations
Larry Propst, Harrisonburg City Finance Director
Chris Hartless, Staunton City Sheriff
Bryan Hutchenson, Rockingham County Sheriff
Donald Smith, Augusta County Sheriff
Jessie Moyers, Staunton City Chief Financial Officer
Jimmy Wimer, Rockingham County Jail Captain

Members Absent:

Christopher Johnson, Waynesboro City Sheriff Cameron McCormick, Waynesboro Assistant City Manager/Finance

Facility Staff:

Eric Young, Superintendent, Middle River Regional Jail
Tony Heflin, Deputy Superintendent, Middle River Regional Jail
Phillip Braverman, Finance Director, Middle River Regional Jail
Amanda Lamb, Clerk, Middle River Regional Jail
Trever Revercomb, IT Systems Administrator

Others Present:

Libby Addison, Reporter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2025, meeting. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. **Approval was unanimous.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

4. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

No comments were made.

5. FINANCE REPORT

A. FY 2025 Finance Report

Mr. Braverman gave the board a general update on the status of the FY 2025 Budget and highlighted several notable revenue and expenditure variances. He stated that based on projected and actual results, FY25 is expected to be another good financial year for MRRJ.

B. FY 2026 Mental Health Grant

Mr. Braverman discussed the continuation award of the DCJS Mental Health Grant in the amount of \$284,638, and said most of the funds will go to personnel but there will also be supplies purchased with it as well. The grant is substantively the same as it was last year.

A motion was made by Micheal Hamp to approve the FY 2026 Mental Health Grant, Jennifer Whetzel seconded the motion. **Approval was unanimous.**

C. FY 2026 Wellness Grant

Mr. Braverman told the board of a new DCJS Wellness Grant that had been awarded to MRRJ in the amount of \$29,970. He informed the board that the funds would be used to purchase 3 massage chairs for staff to utilize.

A motion was made by Jennifer Whetzel to approve the FY 2026 Wellness Grant; Donald Smith seconded the motion. **Approval was unanimous.**

6. REPORTS AND BRIEFING

- Population Report (Executive Summary #2025-13) Lt. Colonel Heflin reviewed the Executive Summary. The Department of Corrections continues to take inmates, although at a slightly slower rate than in 2024. During the months of March, April and May 2025, 81 inmates were transferred to DOC. Our population as of May 27,2025 was 601.
- Community Corrections Report (Executive Summary #2025-14) Lt. Colonel Heflin reviewed the Executive Summary. There are 5 offenders on HEI.
- **Staff Vacancy Report** –(Attachment) At this time there are 20 officer vacancies. Nurse and Mental Health are all filled.
- Programs Report (Executive Summary Report #2025-15) Lt. Colonel Heflin reviewed. They had
 one male earn his GED. Faith Classes continue to be held with excellent attendance. The Art
 Program has a total of 36 attendees both men and women.

- Mental Health Report- (Executive Summary Report #2025-16) Lt. Colonel reviewed. They
 continue to look for ways to grow to help inmates receive mental health services. In the future,
 they hope to be able to better equip staff with more knowledge about common issues faced in the
 jail setting.
- Superintendent's Report The Colonel spoke about the BOLRJ Audit and that MRRJ scored a 100%. Mr.
 Young said staff work hard daily to keep the jail in top shape. He spoke about a report that came out stating we
 are not compliant with ICE. We do work with ICE to ensure the offenders that are wanted by ICE can be picked
 up upon their release. We will speak with Mr. Gore and possibly be holding inmates with a federal detainer for at
 least 48 hours after their local charges have been cleared.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

· No new business to discuss.

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Timothy Fitzgerald to conclude the meeting, Leslie Beauregard seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

The next Authority Board meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Location: Augusta County Government Center, Smith West Board Room.

Alexander Banks, VI, Chairman