MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL

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

June 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Augusta County Government Center
18 Government Center Lane
Verona Virginia 24482

1. CALL TO ORDER

Upon determination of a quorum, Ms. Beauregard, Chairman, called the June 2, 2026, Middle River Regional Jail Authority Board meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Leslie Beauregard, Staunton City Manager (Chairman)
Cameron McCormick, Waynesboro City/Chief of Internal Services
Patricia Davidson, Rockingham County Administrator for Finance and Operations
Joseph Tucker, Harrisonburg City Police Chief
Alexander Banks, VI, Harrisonburg City Manager
Casey Armstrong, Rockingham County Administrator (Vice Chairman)
Timothy Fitzgerald, Augusta County Administrator
Michael G. Hamp, Waynesboro City Manager
Jennifer Schacht, Augusta County Assistant Administrator
Larry Propst, Harrisonburg City Finance Director
Bryan Hutchenson, Rockingham County Sheriff
Jessie Moyers, Staunton City Chief Financial Officer
Donald Smith, Augusta County Sheriff
Chris Hartless, Staunton City Sheriff
Christopher Johnson, Waynesboro City Sheriff

Members Absent:

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
Wyatt Brown, Major, Middle River Regional Jail
C. Garrett Irvine, Major, Middle River Regional Jail
Amanda Lamb, Clerk, Middle River Regional Jail
Trever Revercomb, IT Systems Administrator

Others Present:
Jeff Gore, MRRJA Legal Counsel

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Schacht made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2025, meeting. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. **Approval was unanimous.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

5. FINANCE REPORT

A. FY 2026 YTD Budget Report

Mr. Braverman spoke on the budget. He informed the board that the numbers look to be in good shape for the year. The revenue includes interest income which remains above budget. Interest rates stayed at the Federal Reserve minimum of 3.5% to 3.75%. Commonwealth of Virginia Revenues operate~~s~~ on a delay reimbursement for the state but those are going to check out above budget for the year overall as the Comp Board has not taken back the emergency officer positions which are on hold. Expenses due to vacancies and staff turnover are going to be under budget for the year. CIP update of the chiller replacement contract has been awarded but that work will not be underway for quite a while.
The Board of Local and Regional Jails had their May meeting at MRRJ and at that meeting there was the agenda item for the generator project seeking the 25% reimbursement through state budget. The item was approved during this meeting. It will now go to the state to include in the next budget opportunity which would be in FY2028 state budget.

B. FY2027 Operating Budget

In March the FY27 budget was discussed and there was uncertainty about the state budget at that time so it was decided to delay. We need to move forward with this, Mr. Braverman stated he didn't anticipate the state budget impacting MRRJ. The only other change that was made to the budget that was last presented was the discussion of the 2 Ford Explorers at $108,000 replacement and after the board discussion that was removed. The total budget now is $27,714,013. Mr. Braverman asked for a motion to approve. Ms. Schacht spoke up and asked that the multiplier be discussed first. **Motion to approve the budget by Mr. Armstrong and seconded Ms. Moyers. Approval unanimous.**

C. MRRJ Enhanced Hazardous Duty Multiplier Resolution

Mr. Braverman said this would need to be approved to be able to submit to VRS to make that change take effect. He opened it up to the board for discussion. Mr. Hamp said he found it difficult to support this due to the fact that Waynesboro City can't do this for their own safety officers. Mr. Fitzgerald spoke up and stated he felt the same way as Augusta was also in the same position as Waynesboro. Mr. Young spoke stating that he appreciates their positions and understands but as the superintendent of MRRJ, staff look at opportunity. We've looked at this for several years and even he said no on this. He knew that a lot of the safety divisions didn't have it. This year when Mr. Braverman brought him the numbers and they discussed the decrease in VRS rates, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to add this 1.85 multiplier. It would cost less this year to get the multiplier than it may be next year because the rates may change. Mr. Banks stated they are at the higher multiplier in Harrisonburg. He said he does support MRRJ giving the multiplier but understood Augusta and Waynesboro's feelings on it. Mr. Hutchenson spoke next and said that Rockingham was at the higher multiplier as well. Ms. Beauregard stated that it was added to Staunton's adopted budget and they will support MRRJ's request as well**. A motion was made by Mr. Armstrong to approve the multiplier and was seconded by Ms. Moyers. A vote was held and came back with 9 for the addition and 5 not for it. Motion carried and we moved back to the budget discussion.**

6. REPORTS AND BRIEFING

- **Population Report** – (Executive Summary #2026-16) Major Irvine reviewed the Executive Summary. At the time of the report, there were 596 Inmates. Of this number 260 are fully sentenced and 189 are DOC inmates. DOC transferred a large group of 60 to their facility during April.
- **Community Corrections Report** – (Executive Summary #2026-17) Major Irvine reviewed the Executive Summary. There are 4 offenders on HEI. From February 25, 2026 until now 38 inmates were submitted for Residential Work Release, 12 were approved and 25 disapproved. One paid their purge and was released.
- **Programs Report** – (Executive Summary Report #2026-18) Major Brown reviewed. One male has earned their GED, and one female has passed 3 of the 4 subjects and is expected to test on the last subject with the next month. Our re-entry program has 5 Harrisonburg/Rockingham, and SAW has 16 enrolled of which 2 refused. Faith Classes continue to be held with excellent attendance rates. There are 12 people enrolled in each class. Our collaboration with Augusta Health has been going well.

- **Mental Health Report**- (Executive Summary Report #2026-19) Major Brown reviewed. There have been 1054 documented interactions with inmates where they were provided services and/or resources. As of the reporting period 32 inmates were placed on suicide precautions. Mental Health received 982 requests from inmates through the tablet system.

- **Staff Vacancy Report** – (Attachment) At this time there are 18 officers, 2 RNs (1 starting 6/1), 2 LPNs (2 starting June 15th and July 12th) and 0 Mental Health vacant positions.

- **Superintendent's Report** – The Colonel spoke about the Board of Local and Regional Jails holding their May meeting at MRRJ. This is the first time that the board has ever come out of the headquarters in Richmond. All board members went on a tour and were pleased and surprised with how we operated. There wasn't really anything to report on. We have several large maintenance projects to complete. MRRJ continues to struggle with staffing and retaining people. The Colonel thanked the board for their support with the budgetary requests.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- Ribbon cutting June 3rd for Augusta County Courts

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Banks to conclude the meeting, Ms. Whetzel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next Authority Board meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Location: Augusta County Government Center, Smith West Board Room.

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Middle River Regional Jail
Authority Board Meeting June 2, 2026

Leslie Beauregard, Chairman