



# MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL

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

November 19, 2019 2:00 p.m.

Augusta County Government Center  
18 Government Center Lane  
Verona Virginia 24482

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Upon determination of a quorum, Mr. Fitzgerald, Chairman, called the November 19, 2019 Middle River Regional Jail Authority Board meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. This meeting is being held to discuss the Community Based Corrections Plan.

### Members Present:

Timothy Fitzgerald, Augusta County Administrator (Chairman)  
Stephen King, Rockingham County Administrator (Vice Chairman)  
Steven Rosenberg, Staunton City Manager  
Michael G. Hamp, Waynesboro City Manager  
Jennifer Whetzel, Augusta Assistant County Administrator  
Cameron McCormick, Waynesboro City Finance Director  
Phillip Trayer, Staunton City Finance Director  
Patricia Davidson, Rockingham County Finance Director  
Larry Propst, Harrisonburg City Finance Director  
Bryan Hutcheson, Rockingham County Sheriff

### Members Absent:

Eric Campbell, Harrisonburg City Manager  
Matt Robertson, Staunton City Sheriff  
Eric English, Harrisonburg Police Chief  
Joe Harris, Waynesboro City Sheriff  
Donald Smith, Augusta County Sheriff

### Facility Staff:

Jeffery Newton, CJM, Superintendent, Middle River Regional Jail  
Eric Young, Director of Operations, Middle River Regional Jail  
Lori Nicholson, Director of Support Services, Middle River Regional Jail  
Jeannie Colvin, Finance Director, Middle River Regional Jail  
Faye McCauley, Legal Liaison, Middle River Regional Jail  
Tina Reed, Recorder, Middle River Regional Jail

### Others Present:

Jeff Gore, Legal Counsel, Middle River Regional Jail Authority  
Captain Jimmy L. Wimer, Rockingham County  
Diane Orndorff, Citizen  
Jim Orndorff, Citizen  
Nancy Insco, Citizen  
Tony Bell, Moseley Architects  
Adam Bricker, Moseley Architects  
Representative from Timmons Group

## Community Based Corrections Plan-

Mr. Fitzgerald opened the meeting thanking everyone for making time on their schedule for this additional meeting to discuss the Middle River Regional Jail Authority Community Based Corrections Plan. He then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Newton.

Superintendent Newton noted that Middle River Regional Jail (MRRJ) staff and Moseley Architects have developed three options for review by the Board. The purpose of today's meeting is to review the options, respond to questions from the Board and receive guidance and direction from the Board. No decision is being asked for today. A vote will be needed at the December 3, 2019 meeting to authorize the submission of the Community Based Corrections Plan by December 31, 2019. Mr. Bell (Moseley Architects) is going to review all three options and answer any questions that Board members may have.

Mr. Bell reviewed the following Planning Study Options:

**Option A:** Renovate the existing facility with modifications to the lobby, professional visitation, property storage, mental health, kitchen and magistrate area. Build a 400-bed minimum custody addition that can be expanded to 800 beds in the future. Create a new Inmate medical clinic, inmate laundry, expand administration, establish security in the loading dock, and built a combination warehouse maintenance building. The new inmate housing area will be two floors. This option provides the Authority an increase in rated capacity and allows the Compensation Board to assist with staff position funding. The estimated cost for this option is \$96,531,639.

**Option B:** Renovate the existing facility with modifications to the lobby, professional visitation, property storage, mental health, kitchen and magistrate area. Build a 400-bed minimum custody addition. Create a new Inmate medical clinic, inmate laundry, expand administration, establish security in the loading dock, and built a combination warehouse maintenance building. This option provides the Authority an increase in rated capacity and allows the Compensation Board to assist with staff position funding. This option does not provide the opportunity to expand to 800 beds in the future without additional construction. The estimated cost for this option is \$58,441,761.

**Option C:** Renovate the existing facility with modifications to the lobby, professional visitation, property storage, mental health, kitchen and magistrate area. Build a 200-bed community custody facility in front of the current facility. Build a 200-bed minimum custody addition in between MD and MC housing units. Create a new Inmate medical clinic, inmate laundry, expand administration, establish security in the loading dock, and built a combination warehouse maintenance building. This option provides the Authority an increase in rated capacity and allows the Compensation Board to assist with staff position funding. This option does not provide the opportunity to expand the rated capacity in the future without additional construction. The estimated cost for this option is \$40,033,233.

Superintendent Newton explained to the Board that these are all options of how the Authority can move forward. No decision has to be made at this time; however, in order to get the Community Based Corrections Plan to the Board of Corrections in 2020, a vote to move forward will be needed at the meeting in December.

Superintendent Newton reminded the Board that the submission of a Community Based Corrections Plan does not obligate the Board, at this time, to complete any construction project or borrow money. However, failure to submit a plan this calendar year will mean a plan may not be submitted until December 2020.

Mr. Trayer requested staff work to provide an estimate of the operating budget increase staff anticipate with the expansion of MRRJ. Superintendent Newton responded that staff will work to develop the estimate for the December 3, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Rosenberg requested that a resolution be drafted stating that the Board is not locked in to any decision if the Board decides to authorize the submission of a Community Based Corrections Plan to the Board of Corrections. Superintendent Newton will prepare for the December meeting.

Ms. Davidson requested that the Finance Committee meet in January 2020 to discuss the construction cost estimates and potential increase to the operating budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business before the Authority Board, the meeting was adjourned.

**The next Authority Board meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: Augusta County Government Center Smith Board Room West.**

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Timothy Fitzgerald, Chairman