



MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL

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

June 4, 2019, 10:00 a.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 June 4, 2019 Middle River Regional Jail Authority Board meeting to order.

Members Present:

Timothy Fitzgerald, Augusta County Administrator (Chairman)
Stephen King, Rockingham County Administrator (Vice Chairman)
Stephen F. Owen, Staunton City Manager
Eric Campbell, Harrisonburg City Manager
Jennifer Whetzel, Augusta Assistant County Administrator
Cameron McCormick, Waynesboro City Finance Director
Larry Propst, Harrisonburg City Finance Director
Phillip Trayer, Staunton City Finance Director
Bryan Hutcheson, Rockingham County Sheriff
Donald Smith, Augusta County Sheriff
Matt Robertson, Staunton City Sheriff
Eric English, Harrisonburg Police Chief

Members Absent:

Michael G. Hamp, Waynesboro City Manager
Patricia Davidson, Rockingham County Finance Director
Joe Harris, Waynesboro City Sheriff

Facility Staff:

Jeffery Newton, Superintendent, Middle River Regional Jail
Eric Young, Major of Operations, Middle River Regional Jail
Lori Nicholson, Major 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
Corporal David Bauguess
Officer Khristina Mellon
Officer Jennifer Shank
Officer Micah Prather
Officer Scott Harlowe

Others Present:

Roger Wiley, Legal Counsel, Middle River Regional Jail Authority
Misty Cook, Finance Director, Augusta County
Captain Jimmy L. Wimer, Rockingham County
Diane Orndorff, Citizen
Nancy Insko, Citizen

Rhodes McDavid, Citizen
Andrew Jenner, Press Journalist

2. RECOGNITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, AND RETIREMENTS

Major Young recognized all staff that were involved in an incident occurring on March 11, 2019. An inmate had hung himself and all of the following staff were involved in cutting the inmate down and performing CPR until the rescue squad arrived at the facility. Each showed bravery and heroism in their actions. They worked together as a team. The following staff were recognized:

- Corporal David Bauguess
- Officer Khristina Mellon
- Officer Jennifer Shank
- Officer Micah Prather
- Officer Scott Harlowe

Also involved but unable to attend were Sergeant Brad Barker and Officer Joseph Isom.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked all staff involved on behalf of the Board.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. King made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting. Mr. Owen seconded the motion. Approval was **unanimous**.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments at this time.

5. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Fitzgerald formally introduced Mr. Newton to the Board members. Mr. Newton accepted the position of Superintendent for the Middle River Regional Jail effective June 3, 2019. Mr. Newton gave a brief overview of career and stated he is excited to be here. Mr. Fitzgerald thanked Major Young and Major Nicholson for the hard work and their dedication to keep things running smoothly during the transition.

Mr. Owen introduced Phillip Trayer who has accepted the Finance Director's position with the City of Staunton.

6. FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Colvin informed the Board that Moseley Architects were awarded the bid for the first phase of the Community Based Corrections Plan. Bid for food items is June 6, 2019.

Ms. Whetzel presented a resolution for Voluntary Group Long Term Insurance Program. Mr. Owen made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Approval was **unanimous**.

7. REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

Major Young reviewed the following reports:

- a. **Population Report** – As of June 3, 2019, there is a total of 862 offenders being housed at MRRJ.
- b. **Community Corrections Report** – Reviewed and discussed
- c. **Staff Vacancy Report** – Reviewed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Community Based Corrections Plan** – The first meeting with Mosely Architects will be held on June 17, 2019.

Mr. Campbell asked for further information on the programs available. Major Young reviewed the programs with the Board. Major Young also stated that the housing areas at MRRJ are set up for indirect supervision not direct supervision.

Mr. Newton and Major Young explained to the Board exactly what the steps are for the Community Based Corrections Plan and how the documentation is put together.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business before the Authority Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next Authority Board meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2019 at 2:00 pm

Location: Augusta County Government Center Smith Board Room West.



Timothy Fitzgerald, Chairman