



# MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL

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

September 15, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting  
350 Technology Drive  
Staunton, Virginia 24401

## **Finance Committee Members:**

Jennifer Whetzel, Augusta Assistant County Administrator  
Cameron McCormick, Waynesboro City Finance Director  
Larry Propst, Harrisonburg City Finance Director  
Patricia Davidson, Rockingham County Finance Director  
Phillip Trayer, Staunton City Finance Director

## **Facility Staff:**

Jeffery Newton, Superintendent, Middle River Regional Jail  
Eric Young, Major of Operations, Middle River Regional Jail  
Lori Nicholson, Director of Support Services, Middle River Regional Jail  
Jeannie Colvin, Finance Director, Middle River Regional Jail  
Tina Reed, Recorder, Middle River Regional Jail

## **Others Present:**

Misty Cook, Finance Director, Augusta County

Meeting called to order and Mr. Newton welcomed everyone.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Davidson made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020. Mr. Propst seconded the motion.  
**Approval was unanimous.**

## **Jail Expansion Plan Update:**

Mr. Newton updated the Finance Committee on the Jail Expansion Plan. Met with Moseley via Zoom on September 14, 2020. The Department of Corrections review will be held on September 16, 2020. Meeting was originally scheduled for March however, due to pandemic has been rescheduled several times. Will have an update for the Board at the October 2020 meeting.

## **2014C VRA Debt Refunding:**

Ms. Colvin reviewed the dates for refunding bonds which would need to be completed as well as an updated debt analysis. If we are interested in moving ahead a vote will be needed at the October meeting. All committee members would prefer to wait until closer to 2024 budgeting.

**Worker's Compensation:**

Mr. Newton explained to committee members that up to this date if an employee is on Worker's Compensation, they are receiving 100% reimbursement. Effective November 1, 2020 MRRJ will implement the standard of 66 1/3% payment. Will inform the Authority Board at the October 2020 meeting.

**Unemployment Costs:**

Ms. Colvin reported that as of June 30, 2020, 50% of \$29,187.25 had been paid by Cares Act Funding. \$13,489 was for COVID-19 related part-time employees that were terminated.

**COVID-19 Expenditure Requests/Reimbursements:**

Ms. Colvin reported that FY'21 expenditures as of 9-14-2020 equaled \$34,079.87. Discussed pending FY'21 Cares Act requests. Conversion of 2 cells to negative pressure, a Connex box for storing supplies, various sanitation supplies and PPE. Also discussed a one-time stipend for staff that have worked through the pandemic. The stipend will be presented for approval to the Authority Board.

**Bed Space/Housing:**

Mr. Newton reported FY 2021 budget is for a Maximum MRRJ population of 875. Current population is 837. DOC has not accepted out of compliance inmates since March 2020.

- MRRJ did not participate in the Federal Payroll Tax Deferral on September 1, 2020.
- MRRJ's final negotiated contract with GTL included the mugshot software at no cost.
- Requesting approval to use appropriated funds (not used for mugshot software and equipment) to upgrade the Guard 1 pipe reading technology system to a server/cloud system versus a single computer to retrieve data verifying inmate data.
- Lightning damages to date: \$10,105.45.
- DCJS Grant Award-MRRJ received temperature scanning equipment, \$15,872.00.
- Briefly discussed inmate hospital stays and potential significant unanticipated cost due to the inmate's ineligibility for Medicaid.
- FY'20 Audit is in progress and there are no issues at this time.

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Secretary