

## **Middle River Regional Jail Executive Summary**

September 16, 2020

### **SUBJECT: Action of the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Local and Regional Jails**

**Background:** On December 3, 2019 MRRJA approved the submission of a Community Based Corrections Plan (CBCP) to the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Corrections (later renamed by action of the Virginia Legislature the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Local and Regional Jails).

**Discussion:** The Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Local and Regional Jails (VBLRJ) met today via telephone conference call. The meeting was attended by Tony Bell and Adam Bricker (Moseley Architecture), Jeff Gore (MRRJA Attorney) and Superintendent Newton, Major Young, Major Nicholson and Mrs. Colvin (Representing MRRJ). On the agenda were two items from the Middle River Regional Jail Authority.

1. **Community Based Corrections Plan** – Mr. Bob Casey, DOC staff member, presented the MRRJA Community Based Corrections Plan to the VBLRJ with a brief summary highlighting the need for a 400-bed addition (as you may recall we chose to request construction of a 400-bed minimum custody addition that could be double bunked to 800 beds in the future).
  - a. A VBLRJ Board Member asked if the plan included a provision for increased isolation of inmates due to the COVID-19 pandemic. *Superintendent Newton responded that the plan provided for a larger inmate Medical Clinic that would have greater capacity than what currently exists.* As you are aware, the CBCP and Options for construction were all developed prior to COVID-19 and future design may require some adjustments beyond what was originally intended.
  - b. The CBCP was approved unanimously by the VBLRJ.
2. **Middle River Regional Jail 400-Bed Expansion and Renovation** – Mr. Casey presented the proposed project to add 400 beds to MRRJ at a cost of up to \$96,501,722 with 25% (\$24,125,430) eligible for Commonwealth reimbursement.
  - a. The project was approved unanimously by the VBLRJ.

**Recommendation:** With this administrative process completed, the next step is to work with the Northam Administration to on the inclusion of the project and 25% state reimbursement in the Governor's FY 2022 state budget (amendments) bill that will be introduced prior to the regular 2021 General Assembly Session in January and to advocate with legislators to include it in any budget amendments they adopt.

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**Enclosure:** Middle River Regional Jail Expansion Projected Project Schedule for Planning and Construction

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<b>Middle River Regional Jail Expansion Projected Project Schedule for Planning and Construction</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Submit CBCP/Planning Study to VADOC for Approval	December 2019	Complete
Board of Local and Regional Jails Approval	September 2020	Complete
<b>Governor's FY 2022 state budget (amendments) bill</b>	<b>December 2020</b>	<b>Pending</b>
Legislative Approval of Project	April 2021	Pending
Notice to Proceed – Design	May 2021	Pending
<b>Advertise for Architects</b>	May 2021	Pending
Complete Schematic Design	August 2021	Pending
Complete Design Development	November 2021	Pending
Complete Construction Documents	February 2022	Pending
Advertise for Bids	March 2022	Pending
Receive Bids	May 2022	Pending
Notice to Proceed (Construction)	June 2022	Pending
Substantially complete construction of Addition	August 2023	Pending
Deliver Inmates in New Building	September 2023	Pending
Final Completion of Project	September 2023	Pending