

NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY
July 14, 2023
Held at the New River Valley Regional Jail

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Vice Chairman Michael Worrell.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bland County:	Mrs. Burton
	Carroll County:	Mr. Martin
	Grayson County:	Sheriff Vaughan; Mr. Smith
	Pulaski County:	Sheriff Worrell
	Radford City:	Sheriff Armentrout; Mr. Fleisher
	Wythe County:	Mr. Vaught; Sheriff Foster

ALTERNATES PRESENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Superintendent Kimberly D. Haug
 Dep. Superintendent Chris Loan
 Mr. Steve Durbin-Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller
 Tonya Akers, Tim Clark, Major Daniel O'Dell-NRVRJ

Prior to roll call, Vice Chairman Worrell read a notice from Bland County Board of Supervisors appointing Mrs. Cameron Burton to serve as Authority member replacing Mr. Eric Workman upon his retirement.

He also read letters from Giles County reappointing Mr. Richard Chidester to continue serving as member and Mr. Todd Martin to serve as alternate.

B. ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Akers called roll and reported a quorum with nine (9) members present.

C. APPROVAL OF MAY 2023 MINUTES:

Copies of the Minutes from the May meeting were mailed to each member. Vice Chairman Worrell asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes as presented. There was one small change that needed to be made. On page 5, Mr. Vaught had accidentally been referred to as Sheriff Vaught.

Motion: Sheriff Foster made the motion to approve the May minutes with that one correction. Sheriff Vaughan seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

E. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Copies of the monthly financials were passed out to the members present. In Mr. Sweet's absence, Attorney Durbin said there was a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the Financial Report.

Motion: Sheriff Armentrout made the motion to approved the Financial Report as presented. Mr. Vaught seconded the motion.

Action: Following a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Haug began her portion of the meeting by reminding the group that today marked her one full year on staff. She gave the group a review of the last year discussing the number of transports, criminal cases, PREA cases and drug seizures done for the year as well as updating the group on the amount of sick call, onsite doctor and psych visits completed by our medical department this year.

In terms of employees, between new hires and separations we're still at a gain of 38 since July 2022.

Major Daniel O'Dell presented a power point demonstration of all of the projects from this year. He gave examples and updates on each project. All of which have been funded through a substantial grant that we received from DCJS/State.

- **CML Door Refabrication-** 216 total doors to be completed and we are currently 38% complete. Major O'Dell presented before and after pictures while explaining the full process to the group.
- **Guard1 Project-**In March we applied for an ARPA grant from DCJS. We were awarded \$205,000 and are utilizing it for the Guard1 round tracking system. This process is digitally tracked and removes a chance of human error versus pen/paper rounds. We're currently in the implementation stage of this project.
- **Bullet-proof vests-** We are purchasing 15 survival armors from Town Police Supply for staff. This will be 100% funded through the DCJS grant.
- **MCA Camera Project-Avigilon system.** The software that comes with the system enhances the cameras that we already had. With all of the newly installed cameras, we now have full view of the entire outside area. We have been very impressed with its sensitivity, clarity and capability of this system and it has been incredible aiding in investigations as well as monitoring.
- **Correctional Officers/Nurses Week-** This was one of the best Correctional Officer/Nurses weeks we've had. It was attributed mainly to the hard work of Pastor Ritchie Johnson who took it upon himself to start a Chaplin Corp. He along with a Deputy Chief Chaplin and a Supply Chaplin, are working to coordinate with some of our jurisdictional faith groups and have been blessing our staff monthly. Major O'Dell mentioned some of the ways this group contributed to our staff such as bringing breakfast, donuts, cookies, etc. If you're member of our NRVJR Facebook group you've probably seen photos of the many ways this group has blessed our staff throughout the last few months.

Superintendent Haug thanked the Authority for their support. It's projects like this that help improve employee morale. We're still actively recruiting and things are really positive so she feels like we're moving in the right direction.

Sheriff Armentrout commented on the good job that Superintendent Haug and her staff have been doing. She thanked the Sheriff and said it was definitely a team effort. She added it had been a whirlwind year but with the support of the board and the knowledge of her administrative team, she feels it's been a successful one.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

H. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

I. OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

J. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman Worrell asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Sheriff Armentrout made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Vaught seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.



Chairman Richard Chidester

9-8-2023

