

NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY
September 13, 2024
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 10:07 a.m. by Chairman Richard Chidester.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Carroll County:	Mr. Martin; Sheriff Kemp
	Giles County:	Mr. Chidester; Sheriff Millirons
	Grayson County:	Mr. Smith
	Pulaski County:	Mr. Sweet
	Radford City:	Mr. Fleisher
	Wythe County:	Sheriff Foster; Mr. Vaught

ALTERNATES PRESENT:	Giles County:	Mr. Martin
	Grayson County:	Ch. Dep. Hash

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Akers called roll and reported a quorum with nine (9) members and two (2) alternates present.

C. APPROVAL OF JULY 2024 MINUTES:

Copies of the July minutes were mailed to each member. Chairman Chidester asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as presented.

Motion: Mr. Vaught made the motion to approve the July minutes as presented. Sheriff Kemp seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORTS :

Copies of the monthly financials were passed out and reviewed in detail by Mr. Sweet. We're tracking approximately 23% to budget and our current daily inmate count was 605 this morning. He reminded the group that our budget is based on 630.

Motion: Mr. Sweet's said there was a recommendation out of Finance to accept the monthly financial reports as presented.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS:

Superintendent Haug updated the group on current jail repairs. The roof project is complete and our maintenance department continues to fix pipe leaks as they are now able to identify plumbing issues versus roof issues.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Headcount:

Superintendent Haug gave the headcount this morning as 605. Our retention of officers has been much better than last meeting. We've made recent changes to our training department/on-boarding process and we've been seeing some success with that.

Staff:

Our last three academy classes have had some mature and impressive cadets. Sheriff Millirons asked how many officers were we currently down. Superintendent Haug said we would be more comfortable if we had five more officers on each shift but she still feels like we're moving in the right direction.

Morale:

Now that we're past some of the major projects we've began looking at cosmetic issues around the jail. Maintenance is working on some cosmetic repairs such as replacing ceiling and floor tiles as well as painting in the near future. The conditions you're working in effects employee morale. We're trying to keep a pulse on morale with our training group and the command staff being out and about in the jail.

Mr. Vaught stated that he's been on this board for a while and looking at the personnel numbers is definitely a testament to Superintendent Haug's leadership and her command staff compared to what he used to see. Superintendent Haug said thank you and added that she has an amazing team. Together they utilize the talents that they have, feed off of one another and want the Authority members to be proud of their jail.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

Emailing board packets:

Mr. Chidester said that due to the ever-increasing cost of postage, Tonya had asked about emailing board packets versus mailing them. It would definitely save money for the jail so he asked if anyone was opposed to the idea. Hearing none, it was decided that packets would now be emailed beginning in October.

H. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

I. OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Citizen Concern:

Mr. Sweet said he had promised a citizen that he would bring something up. His board of supervisors were contacted regarding what they would call "meat rock" being served here at the jail. It seems to refer to a quality of meat within the jail facility. Superintendent Haug said she had never heard of that and asked the command staff in the room if any of them had. Lt. Wells said with our previous contractor there was a protein that was formed for different meals.

Major O'Dell said our current food service contractor serves a specific grade of protein. Mr. Sweet asked if we had any documentation with description/explanation of the proteins we serve. Superintendent Haug added that our menus are approved by a certified dietitian stating the calories, protein, etc. Mr. Sweet said any of that information is what he needs and asked if we could share that with all of the board members. Major O'Dell said he would compile that information and send it out.

Transportation:

Sheriff Millirons said to remind staff to call the jurisdictions when transportation officers are not available. Superintendent Haug said that is supposed to be done and that Lt. Wells (Transportation Supervisor) would instruct them again to do so.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Chidester asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Sheriff Millirons made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Chairman Richard Chidester