

RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2022

PRESENT

Sheriff Chris Giles
King George County

Chief Brian Layton
City of Fredericksburg

Mr. Tim Baroody
City of Fredericksburg

Mr. Ed Petrovitch
Spotsylvania County

Ms. Crystal Vanuch
Stafford County

Mr. Randal Vosburg
Stafford County

Ms. Ann Cupka
King George County

ABSENT

Sheriff Paul W. Higgs
City of Fredericksburg

Sheriff Roger Harris
Spotsylvania County

Sheriff David Decatur
Stafford County

Mr. Chris Miller
King George County

Mr. Travis Bird
Spotsylvania County

OTHERS

Col. Kevin Hudson, Superintendent
Mr. Eric Gregory, Hefty & Wiley, P.C
Ms. Beth Healy
Ms. Santina Thelen
Lt. Col. J.R. Tully
Ms. Renea Randle
Ms. Lisa Walker
Major Jason Dembowski, Stafford

Sheriff Giles called the meeting of the Jail Authority Board to order at 1:13 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2022, in the Rappahannock Regional Jail Roll Call Room.

Sheriff Giles requested Roll Call:

Sheriff Giles	Present
Sheriff Higgs	Absent
Sheriff Decatur	Absent
Sheriff Harris	Absent
Chief Layton	Present
Mr. Bird	Absent
Mr. Petrovich	Present
Mr. Vosburg	Present
Ms. Cupka	Present
Ms. Vanuch	Present
Mr. Baroody	Present
Mr. Miller	Absent

Sheriff Giles stated that the Jail Authority had a quorum. Major Jason Dembowski stated he was present as an alternate for Sheriff Decatur.

Ms. Cupka led the Invocation and Sheriff Giles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Vanuch made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Ms. Cupka seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Agenda passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Vanuch made a motion to approve the January 27, 2022, meeting minutes. Ms. Cupka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Karen Kallay from the City of Fredericksburg addressed the Board regarding the League of Women Voters.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS.

No New Business was presented at the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

No Action Items were presented at the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Superintendent Hudson stated that the Jail had their LIDS Audit in March, and received an Exceptional rating on performance. He stated that the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit was conducted on May 25-27, 2022, and are awaiting results. This is the first PREA Audit that has been done at the Jail. The Jail had their Tri-Annual Compliance Audit by the Department of Corrections June 28-July 1, 2022. The final report has not be received, and will be shared with the Board once received.

Superintendent Hudson stated that an article was printed in the Free Lance Star on June 25, 2022, regarding facility revenue from commissary and phone calls. He stated that the Jail has not responded to the article to address the inaccuracies. He stated Virginia code requires that revenues from commissary purchased by inmates must be placed back into the facility to benefit those in custody. Revenue generated from items such as phone calls and the service OutsideInside are placed in the General Fund to offset jail costs. No action was taken as the Superintendent was only making the Board aware of the article.

Superintendent Hudson stated that there was a Legislative Work Group in Richmond discussing SB 581, fees charged to inmates. The Superintendent stated that if action was taken, there would be a direct impact to Jail localities. Ms. Vanuch

and Ms. Cupka asked if there would be value in the local jurisdiction individual Board of Supervisors writing letters to the Legislative Committee prior to December 1, 2022. The Authority Board asked Superintendent Hudson to draft a letter with estimated Jail revenue loss amounts, in order for each Jail Authority Board member to bring forth to their jurisdiction Boards to send to the SB 581 Committee.

ADJOURN

Ms. Vanuch made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cupka seconded the motion. The July 28, 2022, meeting adjourned at 1:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Santina Thelen, Recording Secretary

Sheriff Giles, Chairman