Meherrin River Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

The Meherrin River Regional Jail Authority Board held a special called meeting in the Meherrin River Regional Jail Board Room.

I. Call To Order

Members Present are as follows:

Captain Steve Kennedy, Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office
Kevin Massengill, Dinwiddie County Administrator
Casey Dooley, Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors
Leslie Weddington, Brunswick County Administrator
Dr. Alfonzo Seward, Brunswick County Board of Supervisors
Alex Gottschalk, Mecklenburg County Administrator

Others in attendance are as follows:

Rodney Jacobs, Superintendent
Brendan Hefty, Hefty, Wiley & Gore, P.C., via phone
Jennifer Derrenbacker, Finance Director
Shelley Slaughter, Executive Secretary

II. Approval of Agenda

Kevin Massengill adopted the August 11, 2026 agenda as presented.

III. Approval of Minutes

Leslie Weddington made a motion to approve the May 7, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Alfonzo Seward seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

IV. New Business

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Monthly Status Report – The jail currently has 4 Officer's In Charge (OIC) on shift and 1 in Intake for the first time since the opening of the facility. Intake has 3 Sergeants, 1 OIC and 1 officer beginning the OIC program.

Our goal is to have 11 officers on day shift and 12 officers on night shift. We need to hire 6 more officers to achieve this goal. We currently have 26 certified officers and 6 non-certified awaiting to go to the academy. We are looking to hire 2 Food Service Technicians as well.

The Wellness & Fitness room has been completed and is a huge hit.

2. FY27 Budget Amendment – The FY27 budget that was adopted at the May 7, 2026 board meeting included a 2% salary increase effective July 1, 2026. However, there were last minute changes during the General Assembly and salary increases were increased to 3.5% effective August 1, 2026. Revenues on the Compensation Board side increased $122,690. The salary expenses for the raise increased $121,962. Revenues are higher than expenses due to the 26 officer positions we are holding. The difference between revenues and expenses is $727.17. The unrestricted fund balance was adjusted so there are no changes to the localities contributions for the year. The amended budget amount is $22,280,198.44.

   Leslie Weddington made a motion to approve the amended FY27 budget in the amount of $22,280,198.44. Alfonzo Seward seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

   Kevin Massengill recommended that the jail complete a Class and Compensation Report prior to next years budget.

V. Good of the Order

Kevin Massengill expressed his appreciation to everyone involved in the refunding process and for their efforts in bringing it to completion. He stated that everyone did a phenomenal job.

VI. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. at the Meherrin River Regional Jail Board Room. Lunch will be provided.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Casey Dooley to adjourn the meeting. Alfonzo Seward seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.