# Meherrin River Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting Minutes

# Thursday, August 6, 2026

The Meherrin River Regional Jail Authority Board held their 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
Leslie Weddington, Brunswick County Administrator
Bobby Hawkins, Mecklenburg County Sheriff
Alex Gottschalk, Mecklenburg County Administrator

Others in attendance are as follows:

Rodney Jacobs, Superintendent
Brendan Hefty, Hefty, Wiley & Gore, P.C.
Jennifer Derrenbacker, Finance Director
Shelley Slaughter, Executive Secretary
Major Brent Evans, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office

## II. Call to Order

The Meherrin River Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting was called to order; however, a quorum was not present. Therefore, no official business was conducted and no votes or formal actions were taken.

## III. New Business

### A. Superintendent's Report

1. Monthly Status Report – The monthly report for the months of April 2026 through June 2026 were presented and discussed.

   STAFFING UPDATE – Since initiating the Officer in Charge (OIC) program, we now have an OIC on each shift as well as 1 in Intake. Our goal is to have 11 officers on Day shift. As of today, we need to hire 6 officers to meet this goal. However, our staffing is finally at a point where back holidays are being given as well as vacations being approved with no issues. We also need to hire 2 Food Service Technicians. We currently have 26 DCJS certified officers and 6 non-certified officers.

OTHER UPDATES - The parking lot is currently being resurfaced and should be completed by tomorrow.

The Fitness and Wellness Room is up and running and is a huge hit! It is being used by all staff and is doing great! This was funded by a First Responders Wellness Grant thru DCJS. Employee morale is better than ever.

2. Quarterly Financial Report – 4th Quarter FY26 – As of June 30, 2026, we have collected 83.15% of our budgeted revenues and spent 78.03% of our budgeted expenses. Expenses are slightly lower than revenues due to lower ADP and staff vacancies. At the end of the fourth quarter, ADP was 219 with Brunswick accounting for 28.7%, Dinwiddie 29.7% and Mecklenburg 41.6%.

   As of June 30, 2026, the True-Up is complete with Brunswick receiving a refund of $13,078, Dinwiddie owing $29,946, and Mecklenburg receiving a refund of $16,869. Brunswick and Mecklenburg have requested to leave their refunds on the books.

3. FY27 Budget Amendment – The FY27 Budget Amendment was discussed, however no action was taken as a quorum was not present. 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. The Meherrin River Regional Jail Authority will call a Special Called Meeting to discuss and take action at that time. Shelley Slaughter will be touching base with all board members to set a date for the Special Called Meeting at the earliest date possible and will express the need for a quorum.

## IV. Next Meeting

The next regular 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.

## X. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.