

# APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMMISSION

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The regular meeting of the Appalachian Juvenile Commission was held on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 11:00 A.M., at the Washington County Administration Building located at 1 Government Place, Abingdon, Virginia.

Commission members present included Wayne McClelland, Chairman - Scott County; Kate McClanahan - Buchanan County; Lanny Large - Dickenson County; Vicki Porter - Russell County; Patricia Green - Tazewell County; Mike Carter - Smyth County; Catherine Brillhart - Bristol; C.M. Callahan, Jr. - Lee County; and James Lane - Norton.

Commission members absent were Doug Meade - Washington County; and Dawn Gilbert - Wise County.

Staff present included Tim Dotson - Executive Director, Danny Johnson - Finance Director, Trey Murray, Jeremy Hurley, and Jim Moore.

## Teresa McNeil, Principal

Ms. McNeil gave a brief presentation of the academic school year at the Highlands Juvenile Detention Center.

## Approval of Minutes

Kate McClanahan moved to approved the minutes of the December 18, 2014 minutes with correction to member Kate McClanahan as absent. Mike Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

## Financial Report

Danny Johnson presented the financial report through May 31, 2015. Lanny Large moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. Catherine Brillhart seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Block Grant Payment

Tim Dotson, Executive Director reported the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Block Grant Payment was \$51,900.00 less than the first three quarters. Mr. Dotson received an email stating this was caused by a clerical mistake. Mr. Dotson also reported that we were approved to get

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a COLA on the 2012 block grant but DJJ used it in other places. DJJ was told they could not do that so we may still get that money.

Mr. Dotson reported Health Insurance rates stayed the same.

Mr. Dotson discussed the three different types of Electronic Monitoring hookups:

1. Tied to Telephone Line and has been used since 1983;
2. Active GPS – capable of 24 hour tracking, cost is \$1.25 more per day and is not currently being used;
3. Inactive GPS

Mr. Dotson stated he was highly opposed to using the Active GPS due to potential liability to The Commission. After discussion, it was decided by consensus the Commission was not opposed to using the Active GPS.

Mr. Dotson also reported DJJ is going through more changes and wants to change the Length of Stay for juveniles in detention centers. The average Length of Stay for Virginia is 12 months and DJJ wants to cut that by half. A risk assessment is completed on all kids involved with DJJ to determine their “risk levels”. The Department never wants a low or moderate risk kid to be sent to DJJ but to be committed at local detention centers to complete their sentence.

Some things to consider are:

1. Do we need to keep doing Post D? If in Post D, 100% of cost is local cost.
2. If we do not make this State cost then this would be another way for DJJ to force kids on us.
3. DJJ does not recognize 18 years old as an adult. DJJ holds kids until they are 21.
4. The services to kids will not change, just who pays; local or state.

Election of Officers will be held at the next meeting.


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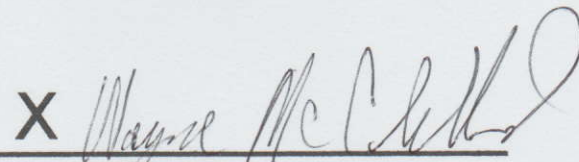
James Lane reported he went on a transport to the Detention Center and he was impressed by the Center’s staff.

The next Commission Meeting will be September 18, 2015.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Wayne McClelland adjourned the meeting.

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Tim Dotson  
Executive Director

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Wayne McClelland  
Chairman