

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

November 1, 2018

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Chris Clark
Mr. Mac Collins
Mr. Carl Franklin
Mr. Larry Haynie
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Mr. Alton Russell
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Ms. Rose Williams
Mr. Jerry Willis, Chairman
Ms. June Wood
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Mike Coggins
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Chief of Staff
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Scott Poitevint, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel
Mr. Gary Bell, Operations Manager
Ms. Lori Benoit, Office of Public Affairs
Mr. Brian Chambers, Warden of Rutledge State Prison
Mr. Tim Colvin, Fire Services
Mr. Linton Deloach, Warden, Rogers State Prison
Mr. Terry Edge, Director of Office of Professional Development
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs
Mr. Ahmed Holt, Deputy Director of Field Operations
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Executive Assistant to Commissioner
Mr. Walter Hudson, Office of Professional Standards
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Clay Nix, Director of Office of Professional Standards
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Deputy Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries
Mr. David Smith, Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Mr. Mike Riley, Office of Professional Standards
Mr. Tarmarshe Smith, Warden of Calhoun State Prison
Mr. Carlton Standifer, Director of Transportation
Ms. Betsy Thomas, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Robert Toole, Director of Field Operations
Dr. Steven Turner, Chaplain
Mr. Shawn Wombles, Director of Fire Services

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Ms. Tina Piper, Senior Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin

First, Chairman Jerry Willis called to order the November meeting for the Board of Corrections ("the Board") at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes.

Chairman Jerry Willis then asked Dr. Steven Turner to deliver the invocation. Following such, Chairman Willis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and then recognized all guests and visitors, and the Board meeting, being duly convened, proceeded with business.

To begin, Chairman Willis presented the November Agenda to the Board for approval. Ms. June Wood made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams and Ms. Rocio Woody. The Agenda was voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Chairman Willis also presented the October Minutes to the Board for approval. Vice Chairman Alton Russell made the motion to approve, which was also seconded by Secretary Larry Haynie. The Minutes were then voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier began his report by introducing recently promoted Georgia Department of Corrections staff members, Mr. Ahmed Holt, Deputy Director of Field Operations, Mr. Carlton Standifer, Director of Transportation, Mr. Brian Chambers, Warden of Rutledge State Prison, Mr. Linton Deloach, Warden of Rogers State Prison, and Mr. Tarmarshe Smith, Warden of Calhoun State Prison. In addition, Commissioner Dozier discussed the Commissioner’s dashboard, which is a three-page overview highlighting key areas within the Agency.

Afterwards, Commissioner Dozier asked Mr. Gary Bell, Operations Manager of the Communications Center with Facilities Operations Division, to present an overview on the Response to Hurricane Michael. Mr. Bell began by discussing Hurricane Michael’s forecasted landfall in the Florida panhandle, he spoke about where the maximum sustained winds would be, possible rainfall, flooding, and tornadoes. In addition, Mr. Bell discussed Hurricane Michael’s tracking timeline for potential impact, how the Agency provided support, preparations and weather updates.

Next, Mr. Robert Toole, Director of Field Operations continued the presentation by discussing facility emergency plans, what facilities were impacted, damaged, and the types of requests and support that were needed from local counties.

Also, Mr. Mr. Shawn Wombles, Manager of Fire Services/Life Safety, continued the presentation by discussing GDC’s Fire Services response and support to eleven counties after Hurricane Michael. Some of the services provided were fire water tanks, search and rescue and the cutting and removal of downed trees and debris in the roads. Mr. Wombles concluded his presentation with discussing the total deployed assets such as fire stations, staff, equipment and vehicles.

To follow, Mr. David Smith, Director of Engineering & Construction Services presented on the support and needs at Georgia Department of Corrections facilities and local counties. Mr. Smith discussed the removal of debris from over 60 miles of road, the cutting and removal of downed trees and debris, the use of heavy equipment to clear and open roads, and the total deployed assets such as Engineering and Construction Services staff, equipment, emergency response trailers, and support items.

Last of all, Ms. Amy Pataluna, Deputy Director of Georgia Correctional Industries, presented on the Georgia Correctional Industries response to Hurricane Michael. Ms. Pataluna discussed the deployed mobile kitchen that supported the Bainbridge Probation Substance Abuse Treatment Center, GCI serving meals to First Responders and the public, GEMA’s request for mobile kitchen, generators, and water tank for the Albany area, and provision of emergency food and supplies.

Following such, Mr. Ricky Myrick presented the “Beyond the Call” employee recognition awards to several employees that assisted with the response efforts to Hurricane Michael. Mr. Myrick stated that these employees are just a few of the many that assisted with our efforts and we are also honoring the staff at the local facilities.

Mr. Myrick presented the following employees with a plaque on behalf of the Board of Corrections and Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier:

- Anthony Alexander- Craftsman, Calhoun State Prison
- Billie McCain – Correctional Officer, Bainbridge PSATC
- Clint Walker- GCI Transportation Supervisor
- Daniel Simmons – Correctional Officer, Albany TC
- Delvin Peoples – Superintendent, Albany TC
- Don Kelly- Maintenance Supervisor, Bainbridge PSATC
- Gary Bell-Operations Manager
- Joe Jackson- GCI Food and Farm Maintenance Advisor
- Mandy White – Sergeant, Telfair SP
- Moses James – Superintendent, Bainbridge PSATC
- Rodney McCloud – Deputy Warden of Security, Telfair SP
- Scott Crickmar – Southwest Regional Director
- Scott Smith - Assistant Director, ECS
- Shawn Wombles- Statewide Fire Services Manager
- Tarmarshe Smith – Warden, Calhoun SP
- Tim Colvin- North Region Life Safety Compliance Specialist
- Vivian Reed – Food Service Supervisor, Calhoun SP

A photo was taken of the plaque presentations.

This concluded the Commissioner’s Report.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Jerry Willis began the Chairman’s Report by asking Board member Ms. Rose Williams to discuss the 2019 Nomination of Officers, in the absence of Chairman of the Nominations Committee Sheriff Roger Garrison.

Ms. Williams stated that the Nominations Committee met and agrees to nominate Mr. Alton Russell as the Chairman, Mr. Larry Haynie as Vice Chairman and Mr. Duke Blackburn as the Secretary for the 2019 calendar year. Ms. Williams added that this recommendation will be done at the December board meeting.

There were no Old or New Business so to conclude the meeting, however, there were a few announcements:

- Chairman Willis stated that the board members would take an official photo in December.
- The next Board meeting will be held on December 6th, at State Offices South at Tift College, in Forsyth.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jerry Willis, Chairman

Larry Haynie, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison