

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

September 7, 2017

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jerry Willis, Chairman
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Christopher Clark
Mr. Mac Collins
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Larry Haynie
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Alton Russell
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Ms. Rose Williams
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Mike Coggins
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Commissioner
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Scott Poitevint, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Chief of Staff
Ms. Teresa Austin, Wireless / Telecommunications Support
Mr. Ernest Bedsaul, ISO Information Security Officer
Mr. Dan Brown, Director of Office of Technology
Mr. Larry Clifton, Deputy Warden of Coweta County Correctional Institution
Mr. Hal Gibson, Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Mr. Gerry Crumbley, Supervisor – User Support
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs
Mr. Brad Hooks, Chief Operating Officer, Georgia Correctional Industries
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Bill McKenzie, Warden, Coweta County Correctional Institution
Ms. Dawn Mock, Supervisor – Wireless Support
Mr. Clay Nix, Director of Office of Professional Standards
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Deputy Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries
Ms. Amy Smith, Warden, Lee State Prison
Mr. Chris Tiller, Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries
Ms. Betsy Thomas, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Steven Turner, Chaplain
Mr. Patrick Williams, User Support Specialist

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Ms. Tina Piper, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Meghan Davidson, Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin

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

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

To begin, Chairman Willis welcomed Ms. Tina Piper, whom assumes the role of Board Attorney to the Board of Corrections and Senior Assistant Attorney General with the Department of Law, since the retirement of Mr. Joseph Drolet.

Chairman Willis presented the September Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams. The Agenda was voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Chairman Willis also presented the June Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was also seconded by Vice Chairman Russell and Mr. John Mayes. The Minutes were then voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier began his report by introducing Mr. Chris Tiller, who assumed the role of Executive Director for the Georgia Correctional Industries (GCI), effective July 16, 2017. Furthermore, Commissioner Dozier announced the promotion of Ms. Amy Pataluna to Deputy Executive Director and Mr. Brad Hooks to Chief Operating Officer of GCI, effective the same date. In addition to these key position changes, Commissioner Dozier unveiled plans of a new organizational structure for GCI, which will focus on business processes, sales and marketing, administrative support for their operations, and training for staff and offenders.

Next, Commissioner Dozier continued with a brief summary of the Commissioner’s dashboard, which is a three-page overview highlighting key areas within the Agency.

Afterwards, Commissioner Dozier asked Mr. Dan Brown, Director of Office of Technology, to present the “Beyond the Call” employee recognition awards to Ms. Teresa Austin, Wireless / Telecommunications Support, Mr. Ernest Bedsaul, ISO Information Security Officer, Mr. Gerry Crumbley, Supervisor – User Support, Mr. Patrick Williams, User Support Specialist, and Ms. Dawn Mock, Supervisor - Wireless Support.

Mr. Brown stated that each of these employees exemplified a “service above self” attitude and that is one of the highest forms of leadership. They jumped into action on the afternoon of July 3rd, when all GDC computers were infected with a “nasty” computer virus, Pinkslipbot. They worked relentlessly for over 350 hours to identify and stop the infection, control the situation, and bring restoration to our GDC users.

More than 10,000 accounts were locked out across 14 GETS state agencies. A total of 34 GDC PCs were identified as the cause of the account lockouts and a total of 61 machines were infected with the virus signature. If this virus was not quarantined, then the entire SOG domain could have been locked out affecting not only GDC users, but also all users at a minimum of 14 state agencies!

These five employees worked tirelessly with Capgemini, IBM, AT&T, and NTT Data (Dell) to locate and isolate the 34 infected PC’s that were causing the lockouts. All infected systems were isolated to the financial/budget office, 3rd floor of Upshaw, and 10 remote sites. This team along with three Dell techs remained onsite at GDC headquarters to clean and scan the network multiple times to ensure a safe environment. In addition, all infected PCs were collected, quarantined, and re-imaged.

Mr. Brown thanked Mr. Crumbley, Mr. Williams, Ms. Mock, Ms. Austin, and Mr. Bedsaul for truly going beyond the call and forgoing their holiday plans for the Fourth of July. Mr. Brown presented the plaques to each individual on behalf of the Board of Corrections and Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier. A photo was taken of the plaque presentations.

Next, Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier asked Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner of Facilities Division, to introduce Warden James Payne from Burruss Correctional Training Center, to present a facility update. Warden Payne began his overview by discussing the overall mission of Burruss, when the facility was built, where in Georgia the facility is located, special missions for the facility, outside details, and security. To conclude, Warden Payne discussed the multiple programs such as the welding, guide dog, automotive service, OJT programs (beekeeping, horticulture, and computer/customer service technology) and reentry efforts for offenders.

Thereafter, Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs, introduced the "Beyond the Walls" article on Ms. Lindsey Sizemore. The article covered the story of how Ms. Sizemore was assigned to the RSAT at Lee Arrendale State Prison (LASP) and graduated from the RSAT program. Within one year of being released from LASP, Ms. Sizemore became a Certified Peer Specialist of Addictive Disease (CPS-AD). She then became employed at the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network as an Outreach Coordinator for a program called the RESPECT Institute of Georgia. She now supports individuals all over the State of Georgia in sharing their recovery stories to different audiences such as hospitals, universities, community service boards, etc. In the article, Ms. Sizemore stated that "I get to use all my lived experiences of my addiction and incarceration to educate and bring healing to communities on a daily basis. I've spoken at jails, prisons, schools, foster homes, rehabs, and even on the steps at the Georgia State Capitol on Addiction Awareness Day."

Next, Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner of Inmate Services Division, presented a Year-End Overview on Inmate Services. To begin, Mr. Sanders briefly discussed the organizational chart for the Inmate Services Division. Mr. Sanders continued to discuss the 2017 year-end accomplishments for the academic education, career and technical education, risk reduction, transitional services, and chaplaincy services. In addition, he discussed the upcoming 2018 year goals for the academic education, career and technical education, risk reduction, transitional services, and chaplaincy services units. To finish, Mr. Sanders spoke briefly about business operations for his division.

This concluded the Commissioner's Report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Jerry Willis began the 'Chairman's Report' by moving into Regular Session to approve the appointment of Mr. Larry Clifton - Deputy Warden of Coweta County.

Chairman Willis called upon Mr. Duke Blackburn, Chairman of the Facilities Committee, to give the Board the Committee's recommendation of the appointment.

Mr. Blackburn stated that the Facilities Committee received the board packet for Mr. Clifton and after reviewing his report, the committee unanimously recommends appointment approval for Mr. Clifton to the Deputy Warden position at Coweta County.

Mr. Duke Blackburn made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. John Mayes, and Ms. Rose Williams, and the motion was voted approved by the Board as presented. Chairman Willis congratulated Mr. Clifton and Mr. Clifton thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Next, Chairman Willis presented an honorary resolution for former Board Attorney, Mr. Joseph Drolet, for his selfless service in providing outstanding counsel to the Georgia Board of Corrections, on behalf of the Department of Law.

Chairman Willis asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Alton Russell made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher, and the motion was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Willis passed the resolution around for signing and stated that the Board will invite Mr. Drolet to an upcoming meeting for presenting this Board resolution to him.

Furthermore, Chairman Willis asked Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel of Legal Services, to present two property resolutions:

- Resolution authorizing the grant of an easement, to include a temporary revocable license, to Georgia Power Company on the grounds of GDOT West Annex in Fulton County, Georgia
- Resolution authorizing the grant of an easement, to include a temporary revocable license, to Atlanta Gas and Light Corporation on the grounds of Rogers State Prison in Tattnall County, Georgia

Ms. Ammons gave a brief description of both properties and stated that Georgia Power Company has a need to install a transformer and underground electrical supply lines to serve the West Annex Building. In addition, Georgia Power Company has need of a temporary Revocable Lease during construction, to be followed by a Permanent Easement upon completion of construction. This proposed Easement will exclusively benefit the State and the Georgia Department of Corrections has determined that it can accommodate the easement request without causing harm to the operations of the West Annex Building and the department is willing to grant the request of Georgia Power Company for a permanent utility easement.

Also, the Atlanta Gas and Light Corporation has a need of a temporary Revocable Lease during construction, to be followed by a Permanent Easement upon completion of construction. In addition, the Georgia Department of Corrections has determined that it can accommodate the easement request without causing harm to the operations of Rogers State Prison. The Georgia Department of Corrections as custodian of this property, is willing to grant the request of Atlanta Gas and Light Corporation for a permanent utility easement. Therefore, we are asking for the Board's approval to approve both of these requests.

Chairman Willis asked for a motion to approve both property resolutions. Sheriff Roger Garrison made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher and the property resolutions were voted approved by the Board as presented.

There were no Old or New Business, so Chairman Willis reminded the members that the next Board meeting will be held on October 5th, in Macon, at Central State Prison.

There being no further business, Chairman Willis asked for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Vice Chairman Alton Russell made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher. The Board meeting was voted "approved" to adjourn by the Board.

Jerry Willis, Chairman

Larry Haynie, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison