

APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMMISSION

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March 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Appalachian Juvenile Commission was held on Friday, March 21, 2025 at the Washington County Administration Building located at 1 Government Place, Abingdon, Virginia.

Commission members present:

James C. Lane - Chairman, Norton
April Collins – Dickenson County
Dawn Gilbert – Wise County
Arlene Matney – Tazewell County
Brad Johnson – Buchanan County
Mark Thompson – Scott County
Shawn Utt – Smyth County

Commission members absent:

Neal Osborne – City of Bristol
Rhonda Lester – Russell County
Jason Berry – Washington County
Allen Crockett – Lee County

Staff present included Trey Murray, Executive Director, Danny Johnson, Finance Director, Jeremy Hurley, Neil Bramlette and Mary Cross.

Call to Order

James C. Lane, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

Approval of Minutes

Arlene Matney moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2024. Dawn Gilbert seconded the motion.

After consideration the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: James C. Lane, April Collins, Dawn Gilbert, Arlene Matney, Mark Thompson, Shawn Utt, and Brad Johnson.

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Financial Statement

April Collins moved to approve the July 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025 Financial Statement. Mark Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion PASSED by the following roll call vote:

"SERVING SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA"

Bristol, Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Norton, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise

AYES: James C. Lane, April Collins, Dawn Gilbert, Arlene Matney, Mark Thompson, Shawn Utt, and Brad Johnson.

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Updates

Mr. Murray presented the Commission with updates on the following issues:

- ~ Graduation ceremony for 4 youth at the Detention Center;
 - ~ USDA program;
 - ~ Can now house youth until age 21 that will be going to CPP program;
 - ~ Received the first draft of the Employee Handbook and is now being reviewed;
 - ~ Received a grant from the Community Crime Control Act for \$71,131.50.
- Purchased 2 Jeeps and new Electronic Monitoring devices.

Mr. Murray gave an update on the proposed Youth Shelter. After discussion, Shawn Utt moved to do needed repairs at the current facility and to move forward with a Needs Assessment and Planning Study for the proposed Youth Shelter and money to be used out of the Capital Reserve fund. Mark Thompson seconded the motion. After consideration the motion passed by the following roll call vote.

AYES: James C. Lane, April Collins, Dawn Gilbert, Arlene Matney, Mark Thompson, Shawn Utt, and Brad Johnson.

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Closed Session

Dawn Gilbert moved to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(a)(1)(7) Personnel and Grievance Matters; April Collins seconded the motion.

After consideration the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: James C. Lane, April Collins, Dawn Gilbert, Arlene Matney, Mark Thompson, Shawn Utt, and Brad Johnson.

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Juvenile Commission has convened in a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Appalachian Juvenile Commission that such a meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Appalachian Juvenile Commission hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Appalachian Juvenile Commission.

AYES: James C. Lane, April Collins, Dawn Gilbert, Arlene Matney, Mark Thompson, Shawn Utt, and Brad Johnson.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The next meeting will be June 20, 2025.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

X

James C. Lane
Chairman

James C. Lane
06/20/2025

X

Fred R. Murray
Executive Director

F.R. Murray
6-20-2025

