

NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY
January 9, 2026
Held at the New River Valley Regional Jail

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Richard Chidester.

Prior to roll call, Mr. Chidester read the following notices announcing updates and new appointments to the board:

- Grayson County: Mrs. Nikki Cannon to serve as member replacing Mr. Mitch Smith
- Grayson County: Capt. R. Todd Perkins to serve as Sheriff Gary Hash's alternate
- Carroll County: Mr. Michael Watson to serve as member replacing Mr. Justin Martin

He added that Mr. Vaught's replacement would be selected at the Wythe County BOS meeting on January 13, 2026 and announced at the March meeting. The Chairman also recognized Ch. Deputy Hody Viars who was in attendance today. Ch. Deputy Viars' appointment was announced at the November 2025 meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carroll County:	Sheriff Kemp; Mr. Watson
Giles County:	Mr. Chidester; Sheriff Millirons
Grayson County:	Mrs. Edwards
Pulaski County:	Mr. Sweet
Radford City:	Mr. Fleisher
Wythe County:	Sheriff Cline

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Bland County:	Ch. Dep. Mustard
Pulaski County:	Major Johnson
Wythe County:	Mr. Hankins; Ch. Deputy Viars

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:

Superintendent Kimberly Haug
Dep. Superintendent Chris Loan
Major Daniel O'Dell
Steve Durbin-Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller
Mr. Brian Vaught
NRVRJ staff: Tonya Akers, Tim Clark, Lt. Matt Wells
Investigator Brandon Edwards-Carroll County Sheriff's Office

B. ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Akers called the roll and reported a quorum present with (8) eight members and (4) four alternates

C. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2025 MINUTES:

Copies of the November minutes were emailed to each member. Chairman Chidester asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as presented.

Motion: Sheriff Kemp made the motion to approve the November minutes as presented. Mr. Sweet seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Presentation of Resolutions:

Chairman Chidester presented the following Resolutions for our three longstanding members that retired from the Authority Board effective December 31, 2025. Mr. Vaught was present to receive his copy and both Mr. Smith's and Sheriff Vaughan's copies will be delivered to them.

**New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board
A Resolution Honoring
Brian W. Vaught**

WHEREAS, Brian W. Vaught has faithfully served as a representative of Wythe County, Virginia, on the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board since 2020; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Vaught has provided steadfast leadership, thoughtful guidance, and a strong commitment to the mission of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service on this Board, Mr. Vaught has distinguished himself as Chairman of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, demonstrating integrity, professionalism, and dedication to public service; and

WHEREAS, his contributions have strengthened collaboration among member jurisdictions, enhanced the effectiveness of jail operations, and ensured the fair and efficient administration of justice for the citizens of the jurisdictions we serve; and

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board wishes to recognize and honor Mr. Vaught's dedicated service as a Board member, express appreciation for his leadership and contributions since 2020, and acknowledge his continuing commitment to Wythe County and the broader community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board formally expresses its deepest gratitude to Brian W. Vaught for his distinguished service on the Board, extends heartfelt appreciation for his leadership, and wishes him continued success in his ongoing public duties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official records of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board and presented to Mr. Vaught as a lasting token of respect and appreciation.

**New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board
A Resolution Honoring
Sheriff Richard Vaughan**

WHEREAS, Sheriff Richard Vaughan has devoted 31 years to law enforcement, serving with distinction and integrity throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, for the past 18 years, Sheriff Vaughan has served as Sheriff of Grayson County, Virginia, providing steadfast leadership, dedication to public safety, and an unwavering commitment to the citizens he represents; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Vaughan has also faithfully served as a member of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board for 18 years, contributing his experience, wisdom, and guidance to the effective governance and operation of the Jail Authority; and

WHEREAS, his leadership has strengthened cooperation among member jurisdictions, enhanced the efficiency of jail operations, and ensured the fair and professional administration of justice across the region; and

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board wishes to recognize and honor Sheriff Vaughan's distinguished service, his many contributions to the Board, and his lasting impact on the communities of Grayson County and the New River Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board formally expresses its deepest gratitude to Sheriff Richard Vaughan for his dedicated service on the Board, extends heartfelt appreciation for his leadership, and wishes him continued success in all future endeavors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official records of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board and presented to Sheriff Vaughan as a lasting token of respect and appreciation.

**New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board
A Resolution Honoring
Mitchell L. Smith**

WHEREAS, Mitchell L. Smith has faithfully represented Grayson County, Virginia, on the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board for more than 17 years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Smith has provided steady leadership, thoughtful guidance, and a strong commitment to the mission of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has also served Grayson County as Deputy Assistant County Administrator, contributing his expertise, professionalism, and dedication to the effective administration of county government; and

WHEREAS, his service has strengthened collaboration among member jurisdictions, enhanced the efficiency of jail operations, and ensured the fair and effective administration of justice for the citizens of the jurisdictions we serve; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's retirement marks the conclusion of a distinguished career in public service, leaving a legacy of integrity, dedication, and lasting contributions to both Grayson County and the New River Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board formally expresses its deepest gratitude to Mitchell L Smith for his many years of dedicated service, extends heartfelt appreciation for his leadership, and wishes him health, happiness, and fulfillment in retirement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official records of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board and presented to Mr. Smith as a lasting token of respect and appreciation.

Chairman Chidester asked for a motion from the floor to formally adopt the Resolutions.

Motion: Mr. Sweet made the motion to formally adopt the Resolutions recognizing Mr. Brian Vaught, Sheriff Richard Vaughan and Mr. Mitchell Smith as presented for their many years of service to the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board.

Mr. Hankins seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Sweet reviewed the monthly financials in detail with the group.

Motion: Mr. Sweet said there was a recommendation out of Finance to accept the monthly financial report as presented.

Action: Following a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Haug welcomed all of our new members and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Staffing

The Superintendent said that 2025 had been a tough year for us in regards to new hires. Also, we lost 10 officers to other agencies this past year. On a good note, we had 22 officers receive academy certification over 4 academy classes held in 2025.

Medical Year End Numbers:

Our medical department had a total of 28,252 nurse calls in 2025. That consists of sick calls and emergencies. We had a total of 301 inmates on the MAT program. Kayleigh Corbin, our Health Service Director, is working hard to find any grants and money available to us to supplement medication costs for us. It's a very busy area of our jail but also very vital.

Headcount:

The headcount this morning was 587.

Welcome:

Superintendent Haug again welcomed all of our new and returning Authority members. She also extended the invitation for a jail tour and a sit-down discussion to answer any questions.

Legislative Changes:

Superintendent Haug said she would be attending the VARJ meeting and Legislative meeting later in the month. She hopes to have a better picture of what bills are out there. There were several things tabled last year that could come up again but once she receives a list, she'll send that out to everyone. Mr. Sweet added that if jurisdictions are concerned about any bills that would have a physical impact to the locality or municipality, to please let him know so he can review them for legislature.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

H. OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

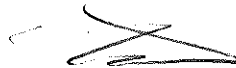
I. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Chidester asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Sheriff Millirons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sweet seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



Chairman Richard Chidester