

**NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY**

**March 13, 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 10:07 a.m. by Chairman Richard Chidester.

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

- Wythe County: Appointed Mr. Jesse Burnett to service as member replacing Mr. Brian Vaught and Mr. Matt Hankins will continue serving as alternate.
- Carroll County: Sheriff Kemp requested that his alternate be changed to Capt. Cody Edwards replacing Ch. Deputy Charles Edwards
- Floyd County: Reappointed Mr. Joe Turman to serve as member and Mr. Levi Cox to serve as alternate.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Carroll County:	Sheriff Kemp
Giles County:	Mr. Chidester; Sheriff Millirons
Grayson County:	Mrs. Edwards; Sheriff Hash (after roll call)
Pulaski County:	Mr. Sweet; Sheriff Worrell
Radford City:	Mr. Fleisher; Sheriff Armentrout
Wythe County:	Mr. Burnett

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

Giles County:	Mr. Martin
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**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:**

Superintendent Kimberly Haug  
Dep. Superintendent Chris Loan  
Major Daniel O'Dell  
Mr. Reid Broughton-Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller  
NRVRJ staff: Tonya Akers, Tim Clark  
Mr. Gordon Jones—Robinson, Farmer & Cox

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Mrs. Akers called the roll and reported a quorum present with (9) nine members and (1) one alternate. (Sheriff Hash came in after roll call raising the member count to 10).

**C. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2026 MINUTES:**

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

**Motion:** Sheriff Millirons made the motion to approve the January minutes as presented. Mrs. Edwards seconded the motion.

**Action:** The motion passed unanimously.

Due to Mr. Jones attending to review the audit, Mr. Chidester asked that we begin with the Financial Reports then discuss Old Business.

#### **D. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

###### **Audit Presentation—Mr. Gordon Jones**

Mr. Jones reviewed the FY 25 Audit report. Beginning with the Independent Auditor's report he stated that the jail received a clean, unmodified report which is the highest level of assurance you can receive. There is a new GASB 101—that changed how we report compensated absences. Mr. Jones said it's nothing new to the financial statements, they're just being evaluated differently.

He then moved onto the Yellow Book report which deals with internal controls. There were no issues noted in that report but doesn't mean that there were no management comments. But they didn't rise to the level of a finding.

###### **Highlights:**

- Net position remains consistent with prior years at 24%
- Decrease of Fund Balance to \$6.7m. Currently tracking as 25% of expenditures which is in line with policy. Mr. Sweet said the Finance Committee continues to monitor it and will work to change that trend. We have had several large capital expenditures paid for over the last few years (roof, doors, etc).
- Decrease in revenue- Due to a decrease in inmate population
- Related to GASB 101, the jails compensated absences for (2025) \$833,107, (2024) \$871,238 and (2023) \$626,654. This fluctuation is due to compensated absences being evaluated differently with GASB 101 being adopted.
- Net Pension Asset at VRS--\$9.6m

He said there were some adjustments made to the General Fund but there were no findings. The Audit does an evaluation to see how the adjustments effect net position. If the net effect is less than the materiality, then there is no finding.

Mr. Jones discussed upcoming GASB:

- GASB 103—MD&A (Management's Discussion & Analysis and Budgetary Comparison Information.
- GASB 104-Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets (Leases assets have to be disclosed separately).

Copies of the auditor's reports are available to members and alternates unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Jones also encouraged them to contact him if they had any questions.

Mr. Sweet reviewed the monthly financials in detail with the group. We're at the 67% mark of our fiscal year. Our revenues are at 72% and expenditures are at 68%. We have been working on the budget and will be able to share their expected annual costs with Authority members. These are dependent upon ADP and per diem. We understand there is some legislation and days calculated changes potentially that could affect ADP. He reminded the group that the per diem is not the issue to the jurisdiction. If the population is going down, then the per diem

ultimately will have to go up to offset that. Also, going back to the audit conversation, if we're losing some money from an operational standpoint in our Fund Balance, we'll have to make adjustments to the budget to right that ship.

**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.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**Update:**

The Superintendent updated the group on a lawsuit that the jail is involved in. A gentleman was arrested for a DUI which ended up instead being a medical issue. We will begin depositions very soon.

**RFP's:**

We will be going out to RFP in the near future for OMS (operating) and our telephone systems.

**Legislative changes:**

Superintendent Haug had emailed the group a listing of legislation we were concerned about. It appears that all of those will be going forward. Our main concern deals with the earned sentence credit and where local & regional jails will now fall.

Mr. Chidester asked the Superintendent if she had an idea of what the earned sentencing credit change would do to ADP. Staff is working on those numbers in order to make a projection. Her "estimate" at this point could be as much as 50 a day reduction in ADP. Mr. Sweet said if that's applied to next year's budget, we should be prepared for a tough budget year. The per diem could go significantly higher to offset a loss of ADP and potentially other areas of operation.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**H. OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

We will take nominations and elect FY 2026-27 officers at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The newly selected officers will become effective on July 1, 2026.

Mr. Chidester asked Sheriff Worrell, Sheriff Millirons and Sheriff Armentrout to serve on the Nominating Committee. If anyone has interest in serving as an officer or has a nomination, you may reach out to a member of the Nominating Committee. Nominations will also be accepted at the May meeting.

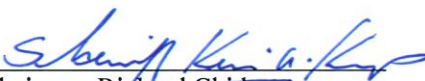
**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Motion:** Sheriff Millirons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Kemp seconded the motion.

**Action:** The motion passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

  
Chairman Richard Chidester  
Vice-Chairman ~~Sherr~~ Kemp