NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY
May 15, 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 10:08 a.m. by Vice Chairman Kevin Kemp.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bland County:	Mrs. Burton
	Carroll County:	Sheriff Kemp; Mr. Watson
	Grayson County:	Sheriff Hash
	Pulaski County:	Mr. Sweet
	Radford City:	Mr. Fleisher; Sheriff Armentrout
	Wythe County:	Mr. Burnett; Sheriff Cline
ALTERNATES PRESENT:	Grayson County:	Mr. Boyer
	Pulaski County:	Major Johnson
	Wythe County:	Ch. Dep. Viars; Mr. Hankins

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:
Superintendent Kimberly Haug
Dep. Superintendent Chris Loan
Major Daniel O'Dell
Mr. Reid Broughton-Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller
Kristy Choi, Katie Pifer--PFM Financial Advisors, LLC
NRVRJ staff: Tonya Akers, Tim Clark

B. ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Akers called the roll and reported a quorum present with (9) nine members and (4) four alternates.

C. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2026 MINUTES:

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

Motion: Sheriff Armentrout made the motion to approve the March 2026 minutes as presented. Mr. Fleisher seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PFM Financials Presentation:
Mr. Sweet introduced our guests from PFM Financial as Kristy Choi and Katie Pifer and said the jail has an exciting opportunity as it relates to debt service refunding. There is a benefit for us financially and the timing is right for this as well.

Ms. Choi said that PFM sees a great opportunity for the Authority to save some money by reducing the amount of debt service they pay to the bond holders. Ms. Pifer explained the details, offered a general timeline as well as a market update and why it makes sense to do this now. Over the last few months, PFM has been working closely with jail staff and today we are seeking approval of the formal bond resolution. This will allow the Authority to issue the bonds to receive those debt service savings. The targeted date for a bond sale is in late June, closing in mid-July then paying off the existing bonds in October 2026.

Interest rates are currently around 30-year average levels and that is what is creating this opportunity to take our higher interest rate from 5% when they were issued in 2016 to approximately 3%. Ms. Pifer explained the rate volatility over the last couple of months due to geopolitical conditions and that is expected to continue. Therefore, this will be monitored closely up until the refunding in June. The bond resolution that is up for approval sets a minimum level that would be saved. They would not move forward with the transaction unless that minimum was met. At current market, we're looking at right around $2 million dollars of savings to the Authority by virtue of lowering that debt service payment by achieving a lower interest rate. Most of those savings would be realized in FY 2027 and then there will be modest reductions there after until the final maturity of these bonds in 2039.

In preparation for the bond sale, the financing team determined that the Authority has been out of compliance in its revenue covenant due to some capital expenditures (roofing, door replacement, etc.) in recent years. Ms. Choi explained the Authority has been paying its debt service and isn't in a default situation or anything along those lines. But we do need to get the covenant back in compliance and she explained the corrective actions necessary to do so.

First, we would need to meet to file a Consultant's Report with the Trustees. Then, generate enough debt service savings from this transaction so the Authority has enough Fund Balance to ensure that Covenant calculations go back to a positive number. The Authority's budgeted per diem in combination with this transaction will get the Authority back in compliance regarding this matrix.

Ms. Choi said they feel this is a good opportunity for the Authority. Not only does the market conditions warrant this refunding transaction because we can generate savings from the reduction in interest rate. But we can also get the Revenue Covenant back in compliance with the help of this upfront savings generated from this transaction. Mr. Sweet said the alternative would be increasing the per diem. He said we need to fix our current position with the bond but secondly this would mitigate the impact of our per diem in our budget.

Ms. Choi also recommended engaging with PFM annually as part of the budget process so they can review updated financials and proposed per diem to ensure bond compliance.

Motion: Mr. Sweet said there was a recommendation out of Finance to approve the 2026 Refunding on the 2016 Revenue Bonds.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Sweet said our ADP today is 670 and tracking nicely at 89% to budget. Overall, the Authority is in good financial position as per this last report.

Motion: Mr. Sweet said there was a recommendation out of Finance to accept the monthly financial report. Mrs. Burton made the motion to approve the monthly financials as presented. Sheriff Armentrout seconded the motion.

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

Proposed Budget for FY 2026-2027

Copies of the proposed budget were emailed to all members and alternates prior to the Authority meeting. This is in an effort for them to have time to review, discuss and share with their county administrators and elected officials.

Mr. Sweet began with what interests everyone the most. Per diem is recommended to go up from $36.60 to $38.00. He added that this could have been a lot worse if we didn't have that wonderful opportunity and timing with the bond refunding. The proposed budget is balanced at $28 million with the recommended $38.00 per diem. This is the best-case scenario where the per diem goes up to cover what we need for the covenant and operations but also goes down year over year for some of the jurisdictions based upon how many folks they deposit into the jail. The proposed budget is based on an average daily population of 600 local and state responsible inmates.

Motion: Mr. Sweet said there was a recommendation out of Finance to accept the FY 2026-2027 Budget as presented Sheriff Cline made the motion to approve the budget as presented. Mrs. Burton seconded the motion.

Action: Following a roll call vote, the motion passed with a vote of 10 yes, 1 no

E. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Legislation:

Superintendent Haug updated the group on the legislative issues discussed at the last meeting. The Earned Credit Bill did pass but there is a delayed start date. So, we're not affected at this time.

Legislation was passed regarding pregnant females and being unable to restrain them. It doesn't affect law enforcement so much at arrest but once they are incarcerated, we can't restrain them. If we bring them to court, and if we have reason that someone should be restrained, we can certainly do that. But if that is done, we have to complete an incident report each time we restrain a pregnant or post-partum female.

ODR Remodel:

The Officer Dining Room has been remodeled through our contract with Aramark and is now complete.

Weight Room Remodel:

We were able to do a complete remodel on our weight room paid for by funds from our Anthem contract. The equipment that had been there was from the original build so this remodel was definitely needed.

Mr. Boyer asked how the jail incentivized its usage. Superintendent Haug said officers are able to use it now before or after shift. It is also being used as part of our Field Training for new officers to prepare them for the academy. We're currently not doing any challenges but now that the weight room is remodeled, it may be something we look into.

Mr. Boyer said they mandated 3 hours a week to prepare their officers for physical encounters. He said he didn't know how it works here but there is a real connection between physical health and mental health. Superintendent said using it for part of our field training for new hires has been huge. When we're having assessment day and they've already done that relay a couple of times, it takes the pressure off and makes a huge improvement. Before it was mainly weight lifting equipment and we've now added several cardio pieces such as a bike, treadmill and an elliptical machine.

Mr. Sweet said there is talk of including the regional jail in some of the considerations of law enforcement, veteran with the Sportsplex facility. Whether that be highly reduced corporate memberships or including them in that law enforcement category. The ribbon cutting ceremony is in October for Virginia's largest indoor Sportsplex that has something for everyone. The question is are we going to allow law enforcement to use that specialized equipment and those conversations are being had now. There will be new opportunities for health and wellness for the New River Valley that have never existed before.

Question:

Sheriff Cline asked a question about the pregnant female legislation. What was the average? Superintendent Haug said that VARJ did a survey and it was so minimal. We usually have one or two. Major O'Dell said currently we have two pregnant inmates and one post-partum. Sheriff Cline said it seems to be a push for HEM (Home Electronic Monitoring). Superintendent Haug said yes if that's available.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

H. OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Vice Chairman Kemp opened the floor for nominations for all positions. Current Chairman Chidester will be retiring in October and will be unable to serve in the next fiscal year.

Chairman:

Motion: Mr. Watson nominated Sheriff Kevin Kemp to serve as Chairman for FY 2026-2027. Mr. Sweet seconded the nomination.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman:

Motion: Sheriff Kemp nominated Sheriff Anthony Cline to serve as Vice Chairman for FY 2026-2027. Sheriff Armentrout seconded the nomination.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer:

Motion: Sheriff Armentrout nominated Jonathan Sweet to serve as Treasurer for FY 2026-2027. Mrs. Burton seconded the nomination.

Action The motion passed unanimously.

New Finance Committee Members:
Newly elected Chairman Kemp asked if there were any members or alternates interested in serving on the Finance Committee in FY 2026-2027. Both Mr. Boyer of Grayson County and Mr. Hankins of Wythe County said they would be willing to do so. These positions are appointed by the Chairman; therefore, no roll call vote was necessary.

The Finance Committee for FY 2026-2027 will consist of:

- Chairman Kevin Kemp
- Mr. Sweet, Treasurer
- Mr. Fleisher
- Mr. Boyer
- Mr. Hankins

I. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion: Mrs. Burton made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Cline seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Sheriff Kevin Kemp

Chairman Kevin Kemp