

## BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY

## INFORMATION SHEET

Date: March 1, 2016

## Campbell County Board of Supervisors

- Tim Trent – Administrator
- Matt Marsteller – Assistant Administrator
  
- **BRRJA**
  - Created in 1994
  - Member jurisdictions were facing overcrowding issues in outdated jails
  - Financially reasonable to form the Authority. 50% reimbursement on jail construction from the state at the time
  - Member Jurisdictions:
    - City of Lynchburg
    - Bedford County
    - Campbell County
    - Halifax County
    - Amherst County
    - Appomattox County
  - Facilities:
    - Amherst County Adult Detention Center
    - Bedford Adult Detention Center
    - Campbell County Adult Detention Center
    - Halifax County Adult Detention Center
    - Lynchburg Adult Detention Center
  - Currently average approximately 1100 inmates consisting of:
    - Pre-trial inmates
    - Local responsible inmates serving a sentence ( $\leq 12$  months)
    - Inmates waiting to be transferred to the Virginia Department of Corrections ( $\geq 1$  year) Out of compliance inmates
    - Federal inmates
    - Inmates for outside jurisdictions
  - Staff of approximately 410 employees
    - Number one asset
    - Constantly searching for good staff
    - Majority live in the jurisdictions represented by the Authority
  - Recent Projects:
    - ESCO Project (Energy Services Company)
      - Governed by the Code of Virginia – Max 15 years
      - Replace old, outdated equipment, fixtures, etc., with up to date energy efficient replacements
      - Lighting retrofit and controls upgrades at all sites
      - Communicating water conservation systems at Halifax and Lynchburg

- Conventional water conservation at Bedford and Campbell
    - Boiler controls
    - Boiler replacements
    - Walk in refrigerator and freezer at Lynchburg
    - Weatherization at all sites.
    - DDC upgrades, etc. (Direct Digital Controls)
    - Original project as proposed was \$6,127,662
    - Scaled back to \$3,920,000
    - Guaranteed energy savings per year \$334,568 (Guaranteed for 15 years)
    - Payback in 11.7 years
    - Additional \$1,098,520 in energy savings after payback
    - As of December 2015, the project is 11% ahead of the baseline savings originally forecast
    - Estimated to save 13,964,000 gallons of water the first year.
    - **SEE ATTACHMENT 1**
  - Recently partnered with Campbell County to replace the sewer line in Rustburg with a new, larger pipe.
- **BRRJA Mission Statement**
  - *The primary mission of the Authority is to support the criminal justice system by operating its centers (Amherst County Adult Detention Center, Bedford Adult Detention Center, Campbell County Adult Detention Center, Halifax County Adult Detention Center and Lynchburg Adult Detention Center) in a manner that produces a safe and secure environment for the public, staff and inmates. The Authority, by primarily using direct supervision techniques, will provide for basic inmate needs and make available programs and services that promote self- responsibility and development and have the goal of returning to the community more productive citizens.*
  - **Direct Supervision:**
    - Officers are placed directly in the housing units with the inmates.
    - Interact to prevent problems.
    - Officers will be aware of tensions in the units.
    - Cuts down on fights and potentially volatile situations.
  - **Basic Inmate Needs:**
    - Safety
    - Security
    - Diets
    - Medical (Continues to be our wildcard with the inmate population getting sicker with costlier medications)
    - Dental
    - Programs
    - Well-being (Mental Health) Added 2<sup>nd</sup> QMHP, December 2015
  - **Programs offered:**
    - Work Release Program (averages 30+ inmates)
    - Weekender Program/HEM

- Inmate Worker Program
  - GED and Special Education GED
  - Alcoholics Anonymous
  - Religious Services/Bible Study
  - Celebrate Recovery
  - ServeSafe Certification Program
  - Interfaith Outreach Life Skills Program
  - Presbyterian Homes and Family Services Women's Life Skills Program
  - Re-entry Program (Work with Community stakeholders to assist with life skills)
  - MRT ( Moral Reconation Therapy) Local CSB
- Many of the programs we offer are paid for by an inmate commissary fund. The state requires that we offer commissary to the inmates. We receive a commission from the sales. The Code of Virginia requires that these funds are used for Inmate's Welfare. We pay for programs, buy games, basketballs, TV's., mattresses, inmate clothing, etc.
- We use bulk purchasing to save the Authority money.
- **Cost of Housing Inmates in Virginia:**
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| - Average operation <b>cost per day in Virginia</b> to house an inmate | \$77.26                     |
| - Average operation <b>cost per day in Sheriff</b> run Jails           | \$91.71                     |
| - Average <b>Cost for Regional Jails</b>                               | \$63.87                     |
| - Average operation <b>cost per day for BRRJA</b>                      | \$67.43 (\$24,612 per year) |
- This information was obtained from the Virginia Compensation Board's Annual Jail Cost Report, 2014, as required by the Virginia General Assembly.
- Average length of stay is 61.48 days in a BRRJA facility. Based on the daily cost, this equates to \$4145.60 per stay.
- Average cost per day to **feed an inmate:** \$3.46
- Average cost per day for **medical:** \$5.69
- Average number of inmate bookings/processes per site/per month:
- Lynchburg Adult Detention Center – 786
  - Amherst County Adult Detention Center – 392
  - Bedford County Adult Detention Center - 351
  - Halifax County Adult Detention Center – 315
  - Campbell County Adult Detention Center – 271

**Site Specific Information:**

The BRRJA consists of five different facilities spread throughout a large geographical area. All our sites are regularly audited by the Department of Corrections to ensure compliance with Minimum Standards set forth by the Board of Corrections and they consistently receive 100% compliance. Campbell County received a 100% compliance in June of 2014, Bedford in November 2014, and Amherst and Halifax in September 2015.

The Lynchburg Adult Detention Center is our largest site while the Bedford Adult Detention Center is the smallest.

The Amherst County Adult Detention Center is our newest jail, opening in January 2012. It is a LEED certified building or a “green” building. It was designed to be energy efficient. It has a state of the art vacuum plumbing system that controls the use of water throughout the facility, significantly reducing an overuse. This jail is one of our largest, yet uses less water than our smallest jail.

Each BRRJA facility has their own transportation team that handles all transports to courts, hospitals, doctors, Department of Corrections, etc. We assist the local law enforcement when possible on transports and during drug round-ups.

BRRJA currently has ample space to house the anticipated inmate population moving forward. We do not foresee any expansions needed nor do we anticipate any new member jurisdictions being added. Below is the current listing of the rated capacities at each jail as set forth by the Virginia Department of Corrections and the actual beds at each facility.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Rated Capacity</u>	<u>Actual Beds</u>	<u>Current Inmates</u>
Lynchburg Adult Det. Center	429	655	414
Amherst County Adult Det.	340	652	372
Halifax County Adult Det.	147	200	131
Campbell County Adult Det.	79	124	105
Bedford Adult Det. Center	55	96	59
- Totals	1050	1727	1081*

\*As of January 19, 2016

**Community Projects**

- National Night out in Halifax
- Sheriff's Night out in Appomattox
- Autism Speaks- Bowling fundraiser that raised \$6,000
- Money and food drive for an ill officer
- Humane Society drive
- Participation in "Cop Camp" in Halifax
- Angel tree participation
- Routinely speak to Colleges and civic groups