

**RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2025**

PRESENT

Sheriff Chris Giles
King George County

Chief Brian Layton
City of Fredericksburg

Sheriff Scott Foster
City of Fredericksburg

Sheriff David Decatur
Stafford County

Sheriff Roger Harris
Spotsylvania County

Mr. Ryan Mehaffey
Spotsylvania County

Ms. Crystal Vanuch
Stafford County

Mr. Tim Baroody
City of Fredericksburg

Mr. Bill Ashton
Stafford County

Mr. Matthew Smolnik
King George County

ABSENT

Mr. Ken Stroud
King George County

Mr. Ed Petrovitch
Spotsylvania County

OTHERS

Col. Kevin Hudson, Superintendent
Mr. Eric Gregory, Hefty & Wiley, P.C
Lt. Col. J.V. Tully, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Santina Thelen
Ms. Beth Healy
Ms. Stacy Gemmell
Ms. Buffy Bourne
Ms. Lisa Walker

Sheriff Giles, Chairman, called the Jail Authority Board Meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2025, in the Rappahannock Regional Jail Roll Call Room.

Sheriff Giles requested Roll Call:

Sheriff Giles	Present
Sheriff Foster	Present
Sheriff Decatur	Present
Sheriff Harris	Absent
Chief Layton	Present
Mr. Mehaffey	Absent
Mr. Petrovitch	Present
Mr. Ashton	Present
Mr. Stroud	Absent
Ms. Vanuch	Present
Mr. Smolnik	Present
Mr. Baroody	Absent

Sheriff Giles stated that the Jail Authority had a quorum. Captain Jeffery Davis of Spotsylvania County Sheriff Department was present for Sheriff Harris.

Sheriff Decatur led the Invocation and Sheriff Giles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chief Layton made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Sheriff Decatur seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Agenda passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

FY'26 Approved Jail Budget and Service Agreement Discussion

Ms. Vanuch stated that the Stafford Board of Supervisors voted to adopt their FY 26 budget, minus the \$2.2 million dollar increase to Stafford in operating funds to the Rappahannock Regional Jail. She stated she was directed as a member of the Jail Authority Board to come back to the jail board and ask to relook at the approved FY'26 budget. Mr. Petrovitch stated that the budget creation was a lengthy process with the board Finance Committee, with many cuts, and they cut an additional \$1 million to the budget at the request of Stafford County at the finance committee level before it was presented to the full board. Chief Layton stated that the opportunity to discuss changes to the budget should have been presented prior to the adoption of the budget in January, as the other jurisdictions found a way to approve the Finance Committee presented budget. He stated everything is open for discussion when creating the FY'27 budget. Mr. Petrovitch stated that Spotsylvania is willing to do anything to help their regional neighbors, but does not believe that the FY'26 budget should be changed, and is willing to discuss reductions in the FY'27 budget. Ms. Vanuch reiterated her request to relook at the budget and reduce overall operational costs, specifically looking at cutting pay increases. Ms. Vanuch made a motion to amend the FY 26 budget to delegate the authority to the Finance Committee to reduce the budget by a million dollars. This would reduce the Stafford contribution by approximately \$400,000. The motion was seconded. A roll call vote was held:

Sheriff Giles	nay
Sheriff Foster	nay
Captain Davis	nay
Chief Layton	nay
Mr. Petrovitch	nay
Mr. Ashton	yay
Ms. Vanuch	yay
Mr. Smolnik	nay
Sheriff Decatur	abstain

The motion did not carry.

ADJOURN

Mr. Smolnik made a motion to adjourn. Chief Layton seconded the motion. The May 19, 2025, Special Jail Authority Board Meeting adjourned at 1:56pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Santina Thelen, Recording Secretary

Sheriff Giles, Chairman

