



Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date:	January 24, 2022	Staff/Council Member(s): Mike Hamp
Agenda Item #	10	
Resolution#		
Department:	Middle River Regional Jail	
Subject:	Resolution Urging the General Assembly to Mandate Timely Transfers by the Virginia Department of Corrections	

Background: The Middle River Regional Jail has a rated capacity of 396 and an operational capacity of 600. In recent months the daily population has consistently been in the 700's. Despite regular communication between the MRRJ executive leadership and the Department of Corrections (DOC), an estimated 150 state-responsible inmates remain at the MRRJ facility.

The attached resolution is intended to communicate the importance that the DOC house state responsible inmates and thereby alleviate some of the strain placed on the MRRJ facility and staff. Other member jurisdictions are expected to consider a resolution similar to the one presented for your consideration this evening.

The City of Harrisonburg has adopted a similar resolution and requested that their General Assembly representatives introduce legislation requiring the Department of Corrections to receive those state responsible inmates into the state correctional system as required by Section 53.1-20 A and B, unless a local or regional jail agrees to continue holding such inmates for the applicable per diem rate.

City Manager's Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution and Transmit the Resolution to Delegate John Avoli and Senator Emmett Hanger.

Suggested Motion(s): Move the adoption of the resolution urging the General Assembly to mandate the timely transfer of state responsible inmates into the state correctional system.

Attachments: Resolution