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The Honorable Janet D. Howell, Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
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900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable Barry D. Knight, Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Pocahontas Building, Room W1304  
900 East Main Street  
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Virginia Department of Planning and Budget  
1111 East Broad Street, Room 5040  
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Dear Senator Howell, Delegate Knight and Director Maul,

Chapter 2, Item 400 B. of the 2022 Amendments to the 2021 Appropriation Act requires that "The Department of Corrections shall provide an annual report on the status of jail construction and renovation projects as approved for funding by the General Assembly. The report shall be limited to those projects which increase bed capacity. The report shall include a brief summary description of each project, the total capital cost of the project and the approved state share of the capital cost, the number of beds approved, along with the net number of new beds if existing beds are to be removed, and the closure of any existing facilities, if applicable. The report shall include the six-year population forecast, as well as the double-bunking capacity compared to the rated capacity for each project listed. The report shall also include the general fund impact on community corrections programs as reported by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, and the recommended financing arrangements and estimated general fund requirements for debt service as provided by the State Treasurer. Copies of the report shall be provided by October 1 of each year to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees and to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget."

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Please find attached the annual report of those jail projects approved by the General Assembly in 2022.

Sincerely

  
A. David Robinson, Chief of Corrections *Grand Jury*  
for Harold W. Clarke

HWC/CHM  
Attachment  
cc: Dean Ricks  
Ryan McCord  
Gerald Olson  
File

Annual Report of General Assembly  
Approved Jail Projects  
October 1, 2022

Prepared by the  
State Board of Local and Regional Jails,  
The Department of Criminal Justice Services, and the Department of the Treasury

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## **Introduction**

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## **Currently Approved Projects by the General Assembly**

The following project has been approved by the General Assembly and is under construction.

**Henry County Jail** – New Jail Construction, rated capacity 400 beds – Date of completion projected for November, 2022

The following project was approved by the General Assembly and was scheduled to begin design; however, the project initiation has been suspended.

**Middle River Regional Jail** – Renovation and expansion with 400 additional beds – Project on hold at the discretion of the Jail Authority.

## Approved Funding

Funding included in the 2020-2022 Biennial Budget for the Commonwealth's reimbursement of a portion of the approved capital costs as determined by the Board of Local and Regional Jails and other interest costs as provided in §§ 53.1-80 through 53.1-82.2 of the Code of Virginia, for the following:

### Commonwealth's Share of Approved Capital Costs

#### Project

Henry County Jail ( <i>400-Bed New Jail</i> )	\$18,759,878
Middle River Regional Jail ( <i>400-Bed Expansion and Renovation</i> )	\$24,125,430
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<b>Total Approved Capital Costs</b>	<b>\$42,885,308</b>

## **Recommended Financing Arrangements and Estimated General Fund Requirements for Debt Service as Provided by the Department of Treasury**

All estimates were computed using a budgeted interest rate assumption of 4.00%. The actual interest rate will be based on market conditions at the time of the transaction. Also the estimates only relate to reimbursement of approved project costs and do not include reimbursement of the state's share of the regional authorities' financing (interest) costs from construction midpoint through completion, which will also be determined and at completion based on the timing and terms of their respective financings.

Since Board of Local and Regional Jails approval has been obtained, the Department of Treasury will establish a file for each of these and monitor for General Assembly reimbursement authorization during future sessions after which they will be added to our list of authorized jail projects.

**Henry County Jail**, 400-Bed New Jail - Based on approved costs of \$75,039,512, maximum annual debt service for the VPBA's reimbursement of the \$18,759,878 State share would be approximately \$1,364,500 each year for 20 years.

**Middle River Regional Jail**, 400-Bed Jail Expansion and Renovation- Project on hold.

### **Facility Closure**

**Bristol City Jail** – The Sheriff of the City of Bristol closed the jail on June 30, 2022.