

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: April 8, 2026
Time: 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey
Members absent:
Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 353 Males: 293 Females: 62

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean. Dirt around the ceiling air vents, vents need to be scheduled for cleaning.

Showers: Both showers need to be cleaned. The shower curtains have soap scum and need to be cleaned. Ceiling air vents are blowing dirt & dust out into the shower area.

Cell #1 – Occupied – Clean except air vent has tissue paper stuck on it. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #2 – Occupied – Trash is on the floor and around the commode. Partially eaten sandwiches are on the benches. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #3 – Empty. Cell has been cleaned. Maintenance issues noted: Floor drain is stopped up and needs to be flushed.

Cell #4 - Occupied and is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #5 -(Sallyport and pre-processing) The car wash area is clean, supplies organized and stored. No vehicles being washed at the time of this visit. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #6 - is Empty, and is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, commode needs to be cleaned, space needs to be organized and floor cleaned. No maintenance issues noted.

The Fingerprint area, clean and orderly. Stained ceiling tiles need to be replaced.*

Cell# 8- Occupied – Ceiling air vent has tissue paper stuck on it and the concrete bench is dirty and needs to be cleaned and sanitized. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #9 – Occupied – Ceiling air vent has tissue paper stuck on it. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #10 – Virtual courtroom (Court is not in progress), room needs to be cleaned, especially the commode and floor.

Cell #11 – Virtual courtroom & Lawyer/Client Interview Room and virtual courtroom. Court is not in progress. Floor drain and trap has foul odor coming from it. Needs to be flushed and cleaned. Trash has not been taken out.

***ONGOING ISSUES: Stained and damaged ceiling tile throughout the area. Floor drains in most cells need to be cleaned and flushed.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Not in use at the time of this visit. Is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room and needs to be cleaned. The trash is on the floor, sink and counter are dirty, floor is dirty and trash can is full.

Pharmacy: Door is locked, did not inspect.

M-2 – Decontamination area; Floor is dirty, needs to be swept and mopped, and walls need to be cleaned AND sanitized, door and pie hole need to be cleaned and sanitized.

M-3 – Occupied – Tissue is on the air vent, walls have some dark matter on them, entire area needs to be cleaned. Door and pie hole need to be cleaned.*

M-4 - Occupied, Ceiling air vents have tissue paper on it, brown substance splatter on ceiling and walls (ongoing issue*) The privacy curtain needs to be replaced, there is only half a curtain. The door and pie hole needs to be cleaned.

M-5 – Occupied, Cell is primarily clean, notebook or writing paper is on the floor but in neat stacks, door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-6 –Occupied, Entire cell needs to be cleaned including the floor. The door and pie hole need to be pressure washed and cleaned.

M-7 is occupied but has a black out curtain hung.

M-8 This cell is occupied and is clean except for the door and pie hole.

M-9 is occupied – Floor is dirty, commode and surrounding area needs cleaning, and floor needs to be cleaned. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-10–Is occupied and in good condition. The light cover needs to be cleaned or replaced. The door and pie hole also need to be cleaned.

Shower – Not in use and needs to be cleaned.

Hallway floors need to be cleaned, and trash cans need to be emptied. The nurse’s main office is clean.

NOTE: **Medical continues to be cold and damp. Air circulation needs to be improved.

All of the cell doors, and pie holes, need to be pressure washed and cleaned.

Cells number 3 & 4 need are unhealth. They need to have walls, ceiling and floors thoroughly washed and sanitized.

Kitchen: Food storage area – needs additional shelving space. Cleaning was in progress. No maintenance issues noted during this visit and no issues or needs were registered.

Laundry: Clean- No laundry being done during this visit. No maintenance issues noted.

Library: Carts used for books are orderly (it is a shared space with equipment storage). It would be great to find a dedicated space.

Staff Offices are clean and organized.

C-1 Clean – dirt around ceiling air vents

C-2 Clean – dirt around ceiling air vents

C-3 Clean – dirt around ceiling air vents

C-4 Clean, showers need cleaning

C-5 Clean *crack in the wall, shower issue

C-6 Clean, no maintenance issues noted

C-7 Floor needs to be swept & vent in the shower is rusted.

C-16 **Stockroom:** This is where Pod Workers change. Inmates were in the process of changing, did not inspect.

NOTE: Inmates report that there is some sort of fungus spreading. Several have a terrible itching rash and feet and ankles are inflamed and purplish. They believe the issue to be in the showers.

Outside Recreation Yard: No issues noted

Multipurpose Room: In use for court proceedings and is neat.

C-Pod Hallways: Clean.

Laundry Room: Clean, no maintenance issues noted.

NOTES:

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	22	32	Female Maximum	68.75%
C-2	36	32	Female Minimum	112.50%
C-3	4	16	Male Minimum	25.00%
C-4	25	24	Male Workers	133.33%
C-5	20	24	Male Minimum	83.33%
C-6	19	24	Special Maximum	79.17%
C-7	7	6	Isolation Maximum	116.67%
Total	117	158		74.05%

D-Pod: Hallway: Clean. Some missing ceiling tiles throughout the hallway.

Recovery Classroom: Not in use at the time of this visit but is clean and orderly.

D-1 Air vents have dirt/dust, floor needs cleaning

D-2 Same air vent issues as D-1, otherwise clean

D-3 Clean, same air vent issues

D-4 Clean, same air vent issues

D-5 Clean, same air vent issues

D-6 Dirt and trash on the floor, same air vent issues

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Being used for virtual court proceedings. Carpet needs to be vacuumed when court is concluded for the day.

Recreation Yard: Some graffiti on the walls (won't completely wash off), no standing water issues noted. No maintenance issues noted.

ONGOING ISSUES

***Multipurpose room needs sound panels to help minimize echoing. It is difficult for the Judge to adequately hear inmates when court is in session. Carpet is very dirty and tattered. It needs to be removed for health reasons.**

The issue of dirt blowing into the pod is causing build up around air vents and could be contributing to upper respiratory health concerns.

NOTES:

***The Wi-Fi connectivity continues to be an issue in D-6.**

Jason Entienne, reports that he has been held for more than a year without being contacted by counsel or having his day in court. He is being housed by Blount County for Loudon County and has no direct information regarding his status or projected court dates.

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	37	32	Min/Medium	115.63%
D-2	37	32	Medium	115.63%
D-3	36	32	Medium	112.50%
D-4	38	32	Med/Maximum	118.75%
D-5	31	32	Maximum	96.88%
D-6	34	32	Maximum	106.25%
Total	213	192		110.94%

Total Inmates in Pods: 330 Total Capacity in Pods 350 94.29%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total		
Intake	7	1	8		
Medical	14	3	17		
Total	21	4	25		
TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	43	11	54	15.43%	15.21%
TDOC	73	7	80	22.86%	22.54%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	23	51	74
Pre-Trial Felons	13	90	103
Sentenced Misdemeanants	4	18	22
Sentenced Felons	3	4	7
State Department of Corrections	7	73	80
Federal Inmates	11	43	54
House Other Agency	1	14	15
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>62</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>353</u>

Security Class

Minimum	90
Medium	230
Maximum	33
Unclassified	2
Total	<u>355</u>

Females:	<u>Present</u> 62	<u>Capacity</u> 64	<u>%Full</u> 96.88%
Males:	293	286	102.45%

Total: 355

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	1	48
Total:	<u>49</u>	