

# Facility Inspection Report

## Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Jan. 23, 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Members present:

Members absent:

Sharon Hannum, Bob Ramsey, Keith McCord

Bob Ramsey

Others present:

Deputy Ryan Palonis

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Population: total: 316

Males: 275

Females: 41

Public Lobby: Clean

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Hallways: Clean

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**Intake:** General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean. The shower area is clean.

Cell#1 – Occupied, cell is clean. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #2 – Occupied, cell was just cleaned. The floor drain needs to be cleaned out. Cell #3 – Occupied and just cleaned. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #4- Empty. Pod workers were in the process of cleaning. Floor drain needs to be cleaned out. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) The car wash area is being cleaned. Supplies are organized and in the process of being stacked. Cell #6 is occupied, and has been cleaned. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, is still in use, but is organized and no maintenance issues are noted. Fingerprint area, stained ceiling tiles need to be replaced, no other issues noted. Cell# 8- Occupied and has been cleaned. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #9 – Occupied and is clean except the floor drain needs to be cleaned out. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) needs to be swept. Cell #11 – Serves a dual purpose as Lawyer/Client Interview Room and virtual courtroom. It is not in use at the time of this visit and is clean.

**\*ONGOING ISSUES: stained ceiling tile. Floor drains in need of cleaning out.**

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

Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room and is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

**Pharmacy: Organized.**

M-2 – This is the decontamination area; Area is needs to be swept and mopped.

M-3 – Occupied and is dirty. Not a good day for inmate who is mentally ill. Did not fully inspect. The door and pie hole needs to be cleaned both inside and outside.

M-4 - Occupied, and the cell is clean except there is tissue paper stuck to the ceiling light fixture & air vent. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned. The cell is extremely cold.

M-5 – Occupied, and is clean except the door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-6 –Occupied, and is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

M-7 - Occupied and has trash on the floor, tissue paper on the light fixtures. No maintenance issues noted.

M-8 - This cell is occupied and clean. No maintenance issues noted.

M-9 Occupied, The cell is occupied and clean except the floor. No maintenance issues noted.

M-10–Is occupied and clean. Light cover needs to be cleaned or replaced.

Hallway floors need to be swept and mopped and trash cans need to be emptied.

The shower is not in use and is clean.

Nurses offices clean and organized, and the office used for dental hygiene is locked, did not inspect.

**NOTE: \*\*Medical continues to be cold and damp.\*\* Air circulation needs to be improved, and extra blankets issued.**

**Inmate Complaints.**

**\*Inmate Rhonda Robinson, reports that she has been held since 2/16/23 and has not received a visit from her court appointed attorney and that her court dates have been reset multiple times without her being notified as to why. She states that she is in danger of losing her bed placement (if she hasn't already) for treatment.**

**\*Dentist has not been in facility for more than 2 months.**

**Classroom: Clean and orderly**

**Kitchen:** Food storage area – stands in need of additional shelving space. Cleaning was in progress. No issues noted during this visit and no complaints or needs were registered. **\*Exhaust hood over the stove needs to have the dry sprinkler system replaced.**

**Laundry:** Clean- No laundry being done during this visit. Area is clean and organized.

**Library:** Orderly (it is a shared space with equipment storage). Could use a dedicated space.

**Dinner delivery was in progress.**

**Staff Offices** are clean and organized.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| C-1 <u>Clean (Female Pod)</u>                                                                                                          | C-2 <u>Clean (Female Pod)</u>                 |
| C-3 <u>Clean no maintenance issues (Recovery Ct)</u>                                                                                   | C-4 <u>Clean, (Pod Workers)</u>               |
| C-5 <u>Clean, no maintenance issues noted</u>                                                                                          | C-6 <u>Clean, no maintenance issues noted</u> |
| C-7 This area is maximum security and are all cells are occupied. The general area is good except the Shower needs a general cleaning. |                                               |

**C-16 Stockroom:** This is where Pod Workers change from work uniforms back into their stripes. Dirty uniforms are piled in a heap on the floor. Not yet picked up and taken to the Laundry. Floor needs a general cleaning.

**Outside Recreation Yard:** No standing water issues and no maintenance issues noted.

**Multipurpose Room:** No in use at the time of this visit. The carpet needs to be vacuumed and table cleaned.

**C-Pod Hallways:** Clean, large trash cans will be emptied by nighttime pod workers. Dinner delivery in progress.\*

**NOTES:** The wall cracks in C-16 has no noticeable changes. The cracks appear worse in winter due to thermocycling.

**Inmate Complaints:** None

**\*OVERCROWDING NOTES: C POD**

|              | Present    | Capacity   | Designation       | %Full         |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| C-1          | 17         | 32         | Female Maximum    | 53.13%        |
| C-2          | 18         | 32         | Female Minimum    | 56.25%        |
| C-3          | 5          | 16         | Male Minimum      | 31.25%        |
| C-4          | 31         | 24         | Male Workers      | 129.17%       |
| C-5          | 27         | 24         | Male Minimum      | 112.50%       |
| C-6          | 20         | 24         | Special Maximum   | 83.33%        |
| C-7          | 6          | 6          | Isolation Maximum | 100.00%       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>158</b> |                   | <b>78.48%</b> |

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**D-Pod: Hallway:** Clean and orderly, meal delivery is in progress.  
Large trash cans in the hallway will be emptied by nighttime pod workers.

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

D-1 Cell is clean except floor

D-2 Cell is clean

D-3 Cell is clean, air vents dirty

D-4 Cell is clean, air vents dirty

D-5 Clean, No maintenance issues\_\_

D-6 Clean, No maintenance issues

D-7 (Multi-purpose room). In use at the time of this visit. Carpet needs to be vacuumed. \*Could use some sound panels to help minimize echoing.

**Inmate Complaints: Not enough to eat.**

Recreation Yard: Drains are open and the yard is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

**NOTES:**

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

**D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

|              | Present    | Capacity   | Designation | %Full         |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| D-1          | 28         | 32         | Min/Medium  | 87.50%        |
| D-2          | 32         | 32         | Medium      | 100.00%       |
| D-3          | 32         | 32         | Medium      | 100.00%       |
| D-4          | 32         | 32         | Med/Maximum | 100.00%       |
| D-5          | 10         | 32         | Maximum     | 31.25%        |
| D-6          | 27         | 32         | Maximum     | 84.38%        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>161</b> | <b>192</b> |             | <b>83.85%</b> |

**Total Inmates in Pods: 285\_\_      Total Capacity in Pods 350      81.43%**

## OTHER LOCATIONS

|              | Male      | Female   | Total     |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Intake       | 11        | 3        | 14        |
| Medical      | 14        | 3        | 17        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>31</b> |

| TYPE            | Male | Female | Total | % of Capacity | % of Total |
|-----------------|------|--------|-------|---------------|------------|
| Federal Inmates | 27   | 2      | 29    | 8.29%         | 0.67%      |
| TDOC            | 118  | 9      | 127   | 36.29%        | 2.94%      |

| Inmate Population Logistics     | Females          | Males             | Total             |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Pre-Trial Misdemeanants         | 12               | 43                | 55                |
| Pre-Trial Felons                | 17               | 115               | 132               |
| Sentenced Misdemeanants         | 4                | 17                | 21                |
| Sentenced Felons                | 1                | 5                 | 6                 |
| State Department of Corrections | 5                | 52                | 57                |
| Federal Inmates                 | 2                | 27                | 29                |
| House Other Agency              | 0                | 7                 | 7                 |
| No Booking Type                 | 0                | 0                 | 0                 |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                   | <b><u>41</u></b> | <b><u>275</u></b> | <b><u>316</u></b> |

## Security Class

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Minimum      | 84                |
| Medium       | 199               |
| Maximum      | 31                |
| Unclassified | 2                 |
| <b>Total</b> | <b><u>316</u></b> |

|          | <u>Present</u> | <u>Capacity</u> | <u>%Full</u> |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Females: | 41             | 64              | 75.00%       |
| Males:   | 275            | 286             | 96.15%       |

**Total: 316**

## Sex Offenders

|               | Females   | Males |
|---------------|-----------|-------|
|               | 3         | 40    |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>43</b> |       |