

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: June 17, 2026
Time: 1:30 p.m.

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

Population: total: 384 Males: 321 Females: 63

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 are clean, but shower curtains are in need of cleaning. Ceiling air vents are blowing dirt & dust out into the shower area.

Cell #1 – Occupied – Ceiling air vent has tissue paper stuck on it.

Cell #2 – Occupied - Floor drain needs to be cleaned.

Cell #3 – Occupied - Cell is clean.

Cell #4 - Occupied - There is tissue paper on air vents.

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

Cell #6 – Occupied – Needs to be cleaned.

Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, commode needs to be cleaned and room organized.

The Fingerprint area, clean and orderly.

Cell# 8- Occupied – Ceiling air vent has tissue paper stuck on it, the cell is otherwise clean. 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 a general cleaning.

Cell #11 – Virtual courtroom & Lawyer/Client Interview Room. Not in use at the time of this visit. Floor drain and trap has foul odor coming from it. Needs to be flushed and cleaned.

ONGOING MAINTENANCE ISSUES:

***Stained and damaged ceiling tiles throughout the area need to be replaced.**

***Floor drains in most cells need to be flushed and cleaned.**

***Ceiling air vents are blowing dirt/dust out. Air ducts need to be cleaned**

***Toilet tissue paper is thrown on the ceiling air vents to help minimize cold air blowing down on inmates, since some do not have blankets.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Not in use at the time of this visit. Is dirty. Everything needs to be cleaned. Sink, counter, floor needs to be mopped. Trash can is full. No maintenance issues noted.

Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room and needs to be cleaned. This room needs to be cleaned as well and trash can needs to be emptied, floor needs to be mopped.

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.

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

M-4 - Occupied, Heavy privacy curtain is up indicating no access. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

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

M-6 –Occupied and is clean. The door and pie hole need to be pressure washed and cleaned.

M-7 –Occupied and is clean. The door and pie hole need to be pressure washed and cleaned.

M-8 This cell is occupied and is crowded but neat. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-9 is occupied – Floor and area around commode needs to be cleaned. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

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

Shower – Not in use and is clean.

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

MAINTENANCE ISSUES:

***Medical continues to be extremely cold and damp.**

***Air circulation needs to be improved through the entire section.**

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

***Cell number 4 needs to have walls, ceiling and floors thoroughly washed and sanitized. Maybe repainted.**

Kitchen: Food storage area – needs additional shelving. Clean up 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 except showers.

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 Outside Yard workers change. Area in need of general cleaning.

NOTE: Inmates report that there is some sort of fungus spreading throughout the pod. Several of the men have a terrible itching rash and feet and ankles are inflamed and purplish. They believe the issue to be in the showers. Inmates claims that medical is refusing cream. This is ongoing.

Outside Recreation Yard: No issues noted

Multipurpose Room: In use for court proceedings and appears to be neat. Floors need to be cleaned.

C-Pod Hallways: Clean and orderly.

Laundry Room: Clean, no maintenance issues noted.

NOTES:

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	20	32	Female Maximum	62.50%
C-2	36	32	Female Minimum	112.50%
C-3	10	16	Male Minimum	62.50%
C-4	23	24	Male Workers	95.83%
C-5	24	24	Male Minimum	100.00%
C-6	16	24	Special Maximum	66.67%
C-7	7	6	Isolation Maximum	116.67%
Total	136	158		86.08%

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

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

D-1 Clean, Air vents have dirt/dust blowing out

D-2 Clean, same air vent issues, trash on the floor

D-3 Clean, same air vent issues

D-4 Clean, same air vent issues

D-5 Clean, same air vent issues

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

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Being used for virtual court proceedings. Carpet has been removed and stainless steel benches installed. Sound panels have also been installed to minimize echoing.

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

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Dirt is blowing into the pod is causing build up around air vents and could be contributing to upper the upper respiratory issues. The pod is in the same section as Medical and air issues are likely related.

NOTES:

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

****Jason Entienne, reported 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. Second month he has reiterated his status or non-status. This is the third month that he has reiterated his concern.**

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	47	32	Min/Medium	146.88%
D-2	46	32	Medium	143.75%
D-3	44	32	Medium	137.50%
D-4	35	32	Med/Maximum	109.36%
D-5	27	32	Maximum	84.38%
D-6	26	32	Maximum	81.25%
Total	225	192		117.19%

Total Inmates in Pods: 361 Total Capacity in Pods 350 103.14%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total		
Intake	6	1	7		
Medical	10	6	16		
Total	16	7	23		
TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	78	15	93	26.57%	24.22%
TDOC	70	5	75	21.43%	19.53%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	20	45	65
Pre-Trial Felons	13	92	105
Sentenced Misdemeanants	9	20	29
Sentenced Felons	1	2	3
State Department of Corrections	5	70	75
Federal Inmates	15	78	93
House Other Agency	0	14	14
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>63</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>384</u>

Security Class

Minimum	94
Medium	256
Maximum	29
Unclassified	5
Total	<u>384</u>

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	63	64	98.44%
Males:	321	286	112.24%

Total: 384

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	1	41
Total:		<u>42</u>