

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Sept. 21, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Members present:

Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey

Members absent:

Others present:

Officer Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 333

Males: 279

Females: 54

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary Bathroom, clean; Shower area has soap wrappers on the floor, otherwise acceptable except for safety issues noted here. ***See notes below.**

Cell #1 – Occupied: Paper stuck to light fixture covers. Cell #2 – Paper stuck to light fixtures, graffiti and obscene remarks, scratched through the paint on the inside door frames. Cell #3 – Occupied and is clean. Cell #4 – Occupied, has paper stuck to air vents blocking the flow of air, tissue paper and trash is on the floor. Cell needs housekeeping. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) Sallyport clean, and the car wash area is in use during this visit. Area is clean and organized. Cell #6 – Occupied, floor needs to be cleaned and trash picked up. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, clean and organized. The Fingerprint area is clean and organized. Cell #8 – Occupied and needs to be cleaned when inmate is discharged. Cell #9 – Occupied and clean. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) is clean. Cell #11 – Serves a dual purpose as Lawyer/Client Interview Room and virtual courtroom. Not in use at the time of this visit and is clean.

***ONGOING ISSUE: Showers in intake have concrete flooring and are in varying degrees of deterioration. Both showers pose the opportunity for potential personal injury, such as trip/fall, cuts/abrasions to feet and other extremities. *One shower stall allows water outside of the stall leaving wet puddles that is a slip/fall hazard. The second shower has a very rough concrete bottom.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Sink and counter needs to be cleaned and sanitized and floor needs to be swept and mopped. Room is not in use at time of inspection. Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room. Counter and sink area is cluttered, floor is dirty and needs to be cleaned. M-2 – This is the decontamination area; it is littered with food shoved through the pie hole of M-3. Needs to be cleaned and sanitized. M3 – Empty and in the process of being cleaned and sanitized. M-4, Occupied, Cell needs tissue paper removed from vents and walls and ceiling have brown spots all over them. Looks as if coffee may have been thrown around the cell. M-5 is occupied and also has paper on air vents, and brown spots on walls and ceiling. M-6 – Empty and in the process of renovation. M-7 is occupied and clean. Floor tile is broken in several places and needs to be replaced as soon as can be arranged and cell stands in need of painting. Vinyl wall trim is badly deteriorated. M-8 This cell is occupied and is clean. M-9 is occupied and is clean. M-10 – Is occupied and is clean except for ceiling air vents and light covers. Hallway floors need to be cleaned and trash cans have not yet been emptied. Shower is not in use and needs to be cleaned. The nurse's offices were empty and locked, did not inspect them.

NOTE: Medical is much colder than other areas of the facility and patients may need to be supplied with additional blankets or heat/air adjusted to correct the issue before it causes an air flow issue with the rest of the system in the building.

Kitchen: Food storage area – needs additional shelving space. Kitchen crew is just beginning the daily clean up. still working at the time of this visit and cleanup 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 larger space.

C-Pod: *West wall in C-5 has been patched. Outside of the building has been water sealed. No evidence of water intrusion at this time. ***Mold / Mildew has improved considerably. Air circulation is much improved and there is no evidence of roof leaks.**

Dinner delivery was in progress.

Offices for Lieutenant and Corporal are clean and organized

C-1 Clean_(Female Pod)	C-2 Clean (Female Pod)
C-3 Clean	C-4 Clean
C-5 Clean	C-6 Clean
C-7 – <u>Food trays are being delivered and will need to be removed but otherwise clean.</u>	

C16 Stockroom – Clean at the time of this visit.

Outside Recreation Yard – Clean and drains appear to be open, some graffiti on the walls **

Multipurpose Room: Empty and clean.

C-Pod Hallways – Trash cans not yet emptied, but area was otherwise clean. Dinner delivery in progress.

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints during this visit.

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	26	35	Female Maximum	81.25%
C-2	25	32	Female Minimum	78.13%
C-3	7	16	Male Minimum	43.75%
C-4	18	24	Male Workers	75.00%
C-5	26	24	Male Minimum	108.33%
C-6	27	24	Special Maximum	112.50%
C-7	7	6	Isolation Maximum	116.67%
Total	136	158		86.08%

D-Pod: Hallway is clean. Meal delivery is in progress.

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

D-1 Clean except floors _____
D-3 Clean _____
D-5 Floor is dirty, shower needs cleaning

D-2 Clean except floors _____
D-4 Floors need to be swept _____
D-6 – All Cells are empty for cleaning, painting, repairs and installation of new door locks

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Being used for virtual court proceedings. It is clean and not in use at the time of this visit. *Could use some sound panels to take help with noise from echoes.

Recreation Yard: Drains are open and clean, graffiti on the walls, commode filthy, debris and trash totally surrounding the commode.

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints were registered during this visit. The air circulation is much improved, and showers continue to look much better.

*The Wi-Fi connectivity issues need to be boosted for D-6.

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	34	32	Min/Medium	106.25%
D-2	39	32	Medium	121.88%
D-3	34	32	Medium	106.25%
D-4	34	32	Med/Maximum	106.25%
D-5	38	32	Maximum	118.75%
D-6	0	32	Maximum	0.0%
Total	179	192		93.23%

Total Inmates in Pods 315 Total Capacity 350 90.00%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	5	3	8
Medical	10	1	11
Total	15	4	19

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	35	0	35	10.00%	10.48%
TDOC	50	11	61	17.43%	18.26%

Inmate Population Logistics

	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	11	51	62
Pre-Trial Felons	21	113	134
Sentenced Misdemeanants	4	19	23
Sentenced Felons	2	5	7
State Department of Corrections	11	50	61
Federal Inmates	0	35	35
House Other Agency	5	5	10
No Booking Type	0	1	0

TOTALS	54	279	333*
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Security Class

Minimum	108
Medium	186
Maximum	33
Unclassified	6
Total	333*

	Present	Capacity	%Full
Females:	54	64	84.38%
Males:	279	286	97.55%
Total:	333		

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males	Total
	0	30	30
Total:	24		