

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: October 8, 2025
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey
Members absent:

Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 353 Males: 295 Females: 58

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean; Both showers are in need of cleaning. Paper cups, soap slivers litter the bottoms of both showers. The shower curtains are dirty and have what appears to be mildew on them and need to be replaced.

Cell #1 – Occupied cell needs to be cleaned. Tissue paper on ceiling air vents, tissue paper, Styrofoam food trays, Styrofoam cups on the floor. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #2 – Occupied and clean. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #3 – Occupied and is clean. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #4 – Occupied, Tissue paper on ceiling air vents and floor needs to be swept and mopped. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) The car wash area is clean, supplies organized and stored. No vehicles are being washed at the time of this visit. Cell #6 is empty and has not yet been cleaned. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, clean and organized. The Fingerprint area, stained ceiling tiles need to be replaced. Cell #8 – Occupied, and is clean. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #9 – Empty, needs cleaning. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (Court is in progress) and is clean. Cell #11 – Serves a dual purpose as Lawyer/Client Interview Room and virtual courtroom. Court is in progress. Floor needs to be cleaned and the trans containers are full.

***ONGOING ISSUES: Stained and damaged ceiling tile. Floor drains in cells need to be cleaned.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Not in use at the time of this visit and is clean and organized. Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room and is clean.

Pharmacy: Door is locked, did not inspect.

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

M-3 – Occupied (1 inmate) needs to be cleaned. Floor and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-4 – Occupied, Ceiling air vents have tissue paper on it, brown substance splatter on ceiling, commode has a water leak and the floor drain has a foul odor coming from it. It needs to be flushed.

M-5 – Occupied, Foot door and pie hole is dirty, floor is dirty, floor drain has paper covering it, odor is coming from the floor drain, brown splatter on the ceiling (suspected feces).

M-6 – Occupied, and Blacked out, inmate on suicide watch. The door and pie hole need to be pressure washed and cleaned.

M-7 is occupied and has a urine stained mattress that needs to be cleaned and clean sheets put on. Tissue paper is on the ceiling air vents.

M-8 This cell is occupied and is clean except there is trash on the floor.

M-9 is occupied and is clean.

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

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.

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

Inmate Joshua Preston complained of pain in his right hand which is swollen and red. He further complained that he had not been seen by a doctor. A nurse addressed this issue and stated that he had removed wrapping that had been applied and that an appointment had been made for him for an examination. His is to be transported across the street at 3:30 p.m.

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

Laundry: Clean- No laundry being done during this visit. Area is clean and organized and leaks have been repaired.

Library: Orderly (it is a shared space with equipment storage). It would be great to find a dedicated space.

Dinner delivery was in progress.

Staff Offices are clean and organized.

C-1 Clean (Female Pod)

C-2 Clean (Female Pod)

C-3 Clean

C-4 Sink has no hot water, and soap is needed.

C-5 Clean *Has a crack in the wall. Maintenance needs to evaluate.

C-6 Has been cleaned. _

C-7 Cleaned and trash has been removed. _

C-16 Stockroom: This is where Pod Workers change. Area lots of work boots in a pile and the floor needs to be swept and mopped. Dirty uniforms not yet taken to the laundry.

Outside Recreation Yard: Drains appear to be open, there is no standing water issues. Commode is completely blocked again, will require replacement this time.

Multipurpose Room: Empty, and is clean.

C-Pod Hallways: Clean. Dinner delivery in progress.*

Laundry Room: Clean except the utility sink needs to be cleaned. The blower fan on one of the dryers is on order. Expected to be repaired within a week.

NOTES:

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

| | Present | Capacity | Designation | %Full |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| C-1 | 19 | 32 | Female Maximum | 59.38% |
| C-2 | 33 | 32 | Female Minimum | 103.13% |
| C-3 | 11 | 16 | Male Minimum | 68.75% |
| C-4 | 14 | 24 | Male Workers | 58.33% |
| C-5 | 17 | 24 | Male Minimum | 70.83% |
| C-6 | 20 | 24 | Special Maximum | 83.33% |
| C-7 | 6 | 6 | Isolation Maximum | 100.00% |
| Total | 120 | 158 | | 75.95% |

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

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

D-1 Air vents have dirt/dust.

D-2 Same air vent issues as in D-1

D-3 No maintenance issues noted

D-4 Air vent issues, wet/water stained ceiling tile

D-5 Floor needs to be cleaned

D-6 Floor needs to be swept and cleaned

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Being used for virtual court proceedings. Carpet needs to be vacuumed. Not in use at the time of this visit. ***Could use some sound panels to help minimize echoing & carpet needs to be removed.**

Recreation Yard: In use at the time of this visit. Drains are open, some graffiti on the walls, no standing water issues.

NOTES:

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

***New locks are to be installed in D-4**

Inmate Jason Etienne stated that he is on hold from Loudon County and had been held for for several weeks without having had a digital discovery.

Inmates in D-1 Stated that they are in need of soap in that pod.

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D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

| | Present | Capacity | Designation | %Full |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| D-1 | 44 | 32 | Min/Medium | 137.50% |
| D-2 | 32 | 32 | Medium | 100.00% |
| D-3 | 40 | 32 | Medium | 125.00% |
| D-4 | 37 | 32 | Med/Maximum | 115.63% |
| D-5 | 23 | 32 | Maximum | 71.88% |
| D-6 | 33 | 32 | Maximum | 103.13% |
| Total | 209 | 192 | | 108.85% |

Total Inmates in Pods: 329 Total Capacity in Pods 350 94.00%

OTHER LOCATIONS

| | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Intake | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Medical | 15 | 4 | 19 |
| Total | 24 | 5 | 29 |

| TYPE | Male | Female | Total | % of Capacity | % of Total |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Federal Inmates | 32 | 5 | 37 | 10.57% | 10.34% |
| TDOC | 71 | 6 | 77 | 22.00% | 21.51% |

| Inmate Population Logistics | Females | Males | Total |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Pre-Trial Misdemeanants | 17 | 64 | 81 |
| Pre-Trial Felons | 17 | 96 | 113 |
| Sentenced Misdemeanants | 7 | 15 | 22 |
| Sentenced Felons | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| State Department of Corrections | 6 | 71 | 77 |
| Federal Inmates | 5 | 32 | 37 |
| House Other Agency | 1 | 18 | 19 |
| No Booking Type | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | <u>57</u> | <u>301</u> | <u>358</u> |

Security Class

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Minimum | 96 |
| Medium | 218 |
| Maximum | 40 |
| Unclassified | 4 |
| Total | <u>358</u> |

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Capacity</u> | <u>%Full</u> |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Females: | 57 | 64 | 89.06% |
| Males: | 301 | 286 | 105.24% |
| | | Total: <u>358</u> | |

Sex Offenders

| | Females | Males |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 3 | 45 |
| Total: | 48 | |