

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: August 6, 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Members present:

Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey

Members absent:

Others present:

Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 361

Males: 300

Females: 61

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean; Both showers are in the process of being cleaned.

Cell#1 – Occupied (6 inmates), cell is clean except random sheets of tissue paper on the floor. No noticeable maintenance issues noted. Cell #2 – Empty and clean. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #3 – Occupied (1 inmate) and has no noticeable issues. Cell #4- Occupied (1 inmate), and has no noticeable issues. 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 clean. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, clean and organized. The Fingerprint area, stained ceiling tiles need to be replaced, the sink, counter and floor needs to be cleaned. Cell# 8- Empty and clean. Cell #9 – Occupied (1 inmate) trash is on the floor, commode needs to be cleaned. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) needs to be cleaned. 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 has not yet been cleaned.

***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. Floor and sink/counter area need to be cleaned and trash needs to be emptied.

Pharmacy: Organized, but the floor needs to be mopped and cleaned.

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

M-3 – Occupied (1 inmate) needs to be cleaned. Trash, papers, food and Styrofoam trays need to be removed. Floor, walls and door needs to be cleaned. Commode also needs to be cleaned & sanitized.

M-4 - Occupied, Inmates (2) need extra blankets, one inmate is on an oxygen concentrator. The cell is needs to be cleaned, especially ceiling. Ongoing issue.

M-5 – Occupied, there is trash on the floor and it needs to be mopped, otherwise there are no noticeable issues.

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

M-7 is occupied and needs to be cleaned. The floor, ceiling and door & pie hole need to be cleaned.

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

M-9 is occupied and the air vent is dirty, needs to be cleaned and appears to be partially stopped up with dirt/dust. Air is not circulating very well in this cell. Inmates are in need of sheets and blankets in this cell.

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

Hallway floors need to be cleaned and trash cans need to be emptied. The shower is not in use but needs general cleaning. The last patient to use the shower left soap wrappers on the floor and soap scum is on the walls. The nurse's main office is clean.

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

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. No needs 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). Could use a dedicated space.

Dinner delivery was in progress.

Staff Offices are clean and organized.

C-1 <u>Clean (Female Pod)</u>	C-2 <u>Clean (Female Pod)</u>
C-3 <u>Clean</u>	C-4 <u>Clean, (Pod Workers)</u>
C-5 <u>Clean Has a crack in the wall. Maintenance needs to evaluate.</u>	
C-6 <u>Has been cleaned.</u>	
C-7 <u>All cells are full.</u> Area has been 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. The commode however, is totally stopped up with socks and other debris.

Multipurpose Room: Empty, carpet needs to be vacuumed and tables need to be cleaned.

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

Laundry Room: Clean and organized. No water leaks or maintenance issues are evident.

NOTES: Overcrowding demographics and statistics do not match jail stats. Report would not generate last month and generated this month all over the place.

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	24	32	Female Maximum	75.00%
C-2	33	32	Female Minimum	103.13%
C-3	2	16	Male Minimum	12.50%
C-4	21	24	Male Workers	87.50%
C-5	22	24	Male Minimum	91.67%
C-6	20	24	Special Maximum	83.33%

C-7	5	6	Isolation Maximum	83.33%
Total	127	158		80.38%

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

D-4 Air vent issues otherwise clean

D-5 Air vent issues otherwise clean

D-6 Air vent issues, trash swept into pile in front of 614

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: Drains are open and clean, some graffiti on the walls, otherwise clean.

NOTES:

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

***New locks are to be installed in D-4 next month.**

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	40	32	Min/Medium	125.00%
D-2	36	32	Medium	112.50%
D-3	43	32	Medium	1134.38%
D-4	36	32	Med/Maximum	112.50%
D-5	20	32	Maximum	62.50%
D-6	27	32	Maximum	84.38%
Total	202	192		105.21%

Total Inmates in Pods:	361	Total Capacity in Pods	350	95.71%
		Females	61 Capacity	95.31%
		Males	300 Capacity	95.33%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	9	5	13
Medical	13	5	20
Total	22	10	33

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	36	2	38	10.86%	10.70%
TDOC	60	8	68	19.43%	19.15%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	19	51	70
Pre-Trial Felons	21	117	138
Sentenced Misdemeanants	6	19	25
Sentenced Felons	4	3	7
State Department of Corrections	8	61	69
Federal Inmates	2	36	38
House Other Agency	1	13	14
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	61	300	361
These Numbers are correct			

Security Class

Minimum	102
Medium	210
Maximum	42
Unclassified	7
Total	361

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	61	64	95.31%
Males:	300	286	104.90%
Total: 361			

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	3	41
Total:	44	