

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: July 16, 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Members present:

Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey

Members absent:

Others present:

Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 378

Males: 310

Females: 68

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good except the floor was very sticky throughout the area. The offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean. Both shower stalls have been cleaned. The floor, sink and commode need to be cleaned.

***Several ceiling tiles are badly stained, need to be replaced as schedule allows.**

Cell #1 – Occupied, cell is clean. Floor needs to be mopped, and tissue paper is stuck to ceiling air vents. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #2 – Occupied, and cell has been cleaned. The floor drain needs to be cleaned out and flushed. Cell #3 – Occupied, floor is dirty, trash is on the floor and around the commode. Floor and commode needs to be cleaned. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #4- Occupied and has both empty and partially empty Styrofoam food trays on the benches, tissue paper is stuck to the ceiling air vents. Floor drain needs to be cleaned out and flushed. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) The car wash bay is clean. No maintenance issues are noted. Cell #6- Empty and has been cleaned. No maintenance issues are noted. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew is clean and organized and no maintenance issues are noted. Fingerprint area, stained ceiling tiles need to be replaced, and floor needs to be cleaned. Cell #8- Occupied, floor, commode area and bench needs to be cleaned. Tissue paper is stuck to the ceiling air vents. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #9 – Occupied, trash is on the floor, commode and area around the commode needs to be cleaned and floor mopped. Floor drain needs to be cleaned out. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit), trash is on the floor and commode needs to be cleaned. Cell #11 – Serves a dual purpose as Lawyer/Client Interview Room and virtual courtroom. It is in use at the time of this visit and will need to be cleaned once the meeting has concluded.

***ONGOING ISSUES: Stained and damaged ceiling tile. Floor drains in need of cleaning out. It might be a good idea to put the floor drains on a regular maintenance schedule for cleaning.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Empty and floor needs to be cleaned. No maintenance issues noted.

Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room and trash needs to be emptied and the floor needs to be mopped. No maintenance issues noted.

Pharmacy: Closed & Locked. Did not inspect.

M-2 – This is the decontamination area; Floor, corners and doors need to be cleaned.

M-3 – Occupied, walls and door and pie hole needs to be cleaned.

M-4 - Occupied, The ceiling is dirty (ongoing issue), there are black and brown spots on half of the ceiling area. Trash and food trays are on the floor, there is tissue paper stuck to the ceiling light fixture & air vent. The cell needs thorough cleaning, including the door and pie hole.
M-5 – Occupied, and has tissue paper on air vents, commode and area around it needs to be cleaned. Floor needs to be cleaned. No maintenance issues noted.
M-6 –Occupied and is draped. Could not inspect.
M-7 - Occupied and is draped . Could not inspect.
M-8 - This cell is occupied and has been cleaned.
M-9 Occupied, the cell is overcrowded but is clean. 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 the shower curtain needs to be cleaned or replaced.

Nurses offices clean and organized. The office used for dental hygiene is locked, and did not get inspected.

NOTE: **Cold temperatures are much improved today. *Air circulation needs to be improved, and extra blankets issued.

Inmate Complaints.

***Inmate Darryll Tate. TOMIS #00223421, reported that he has been incarcerated since 2019. He had two hernias that were removed earlier this month, neither of which have healed. He states that he has not had occupational therapy, nor has he been permitted to exercise. His attorney, John Gannon has not been to see him, and he believes that he should have been sent to prison by now. Requests attention to medical rehab and an update as to when he will be transferred.**

***Inmate Timothy Clowers, reported that he has a defibrillator, has had not been allowed visitation and his federal case has been reset again. Requests an update and visitation.**

***Inmate Rhonda Robinson (Cell #10), 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. Still has not seen her attorney but understands she has been reset for later in the month.**

***It was reported that the dentist did come in early in the month, but has not performed follow ups after extractions.**

Deputy Offices, all are clean and organized.

Recovery & MRA Classroom: Clean and orderly

Kitchen: Food storage area – stands in need of additional shelving space. Kitchen crews are preparing dinner trays for delivery. No Maintenance issues noted during this visit. See note below*

Laundry: No laundry is being done during this visit. Area is clean and orderly.

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

NOTE: Sprinkler system for the hot food prep area has been submitted in the 2025/2026 budget request.

C-1 Clean, (Female Pod)
 C-3 Clean, no maintenance issues
 C-5 Clean, dirt @ceiling air vents, shower dirty
 C-7 This area is maximum security. All cells are occupied. The shower and floor needs to be swept. The table has been sanded and painted.

C-2 Clean, (Female Pod).
 C-4 Clean, dirt around ceiling air vents
 C-6 Clean, newly painted.

NOTE: All cell blocks have noticeable dirt/dust around the ceiling air vents.

C-16 Stockroom: Floor needs to be swept and mopped. No noticeable change in the wall cracks.

C-Pod Outside Recreation Yard: Yard drains are open and the yard is clean except for graffiti is on the block walls. No maintenance issues noted.

Multipurpose Room: Room was in use at the time of this visit. The carpet needs to be vacuumed, and tables cleaned.

C-Pod Hallways: Clean, and orderly.

***OVERCROWDING NOTES: C POD**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1			Female Maximum	%
C-2			Female Minimum	96.88%
C-3			Male Minimum	37.50%
C-4			Male Workers	79.17%
C-5			Male Minimum	83.88%
C-6			Special Maximum	0%
C-7			Isolation Maximum	100.00%

Total **Logistics data report would not generate. No data available for overcrowding

Inmate Complaints: None registered

D-Pod: Hallway: Clean and orderly.

Officers Offices: All are clean and orderly.

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

D-1 Newly painted, dirt @ceiling air vents
 D-3 Clean, dirt around ceiling air vents,
 D-5 Housekeeping is in good condition
 D-7 (Multi-purpose room). Carpet needs to be cleaned and trash removed.

D-2 Dirt is around the ceiling air vents, Wi-Fi is not working.

D-4 Cell is clean. No maintenance issues noted
 D-6 Freshly painted and cleaned.

Inmate Complaints: * Not enough Food, Ceiling air vents are dirty and blowing dirt into the atmosphere.

Recreation Yard: Commode area needs to be cleaned. Drains are open with no standing water issues. No maintenance issues noted.

NOTES:

***The Wi-Fi connectivity continues to be an issue for D-6 and D-2.**

***Overcrowding logistics data report would not generate. Percentages not available for this visit.**

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1		32	Min/Medium	%
D-2		32	Medium	%
D-3		32	Medium	%
D-4		32	Med/Maximum	%
D-5		32	Maximum	%
D-6		32	Maximum	%

Total **Total %**

Total Inmates in Pods: 378__ **Total Capacity in Pods 350** **108% Full**

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake			
Medical			
Total			

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates				%	%
TDOC				%	%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	25	58	83
Pre-Trial Felons	25	113	138
Sentenced Misdemeanants	5	15	20
Sentenced Felons	3	4	7
State Department of Corrections	8	67	75
Federal Inmates	1	41	42
House Other Agency	1	12	13
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>68</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>378</u>

Security Class

Minimum	103
Medium	229
Maximum	38
Unclassified	8
Total	<u>378</u>

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	68	64	106.25%
Males:	310	286	108.39%
	Total: <u>347</u>		

Sex Offenders

Females	Males	
3	42	
Total:		45