

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: March 4, 2026

Members present: Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Members absent:

Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 3

Males: 263

Females:

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean.

Showers: Both showers are in need of cleaning. The shower curtains are dirty and have what appears to be mildew on them and need to be cleaned or replaced. Air vents are blowing dirt & dust out.

Cell #1 – Occupied – tissue paper is on air vents, floor has been swept but not mopped. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #2 – Empty. Not yet cleaned. Floor is dirty, commode needs to be cleaned, tissue paper on air vents, No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #3 – Empty. Cell has been cleaned except the floor has not yet been mopped. Maintenance issues noted: Floor drain is stopped up.

Cell #4 - Empty and has been cleaned. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) The car wash area is clean, supplies organized and stored. One vehicle was being washed at the time of this visit. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #6 is occupied, and is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, commode needs to be cleaned. Cleaning supplies need to be organized. No maintenance issues noted.

The Fingerprint area, clean and orderly. Stained ceiling tiles need to be replaced.*

Cell# 8- Occupied - and cell is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #9 – Empty, and not yet cleaned. Food (sandwich) unwrapped on the floor, commode and floor needs to be cleaned. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #10 – Virtual courtroom (Court is not in progress) and is clean.

Cell #11 – Virtual courtroom & Lawyer/Client Interview Room and virtual courtroom. Court is not in progress. Floor needs to be swept and mopped, and the trash containers are full.

***ONGOING ISSUES: Stained and damaged ceiling tile throughout the area. Floor drains in most cells need to be cleaned and flushed.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Not in use at the time of this visit. Is clean.

has a drip. Replace washer.

Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room and is neat and orderly.

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 (3 males) and entire area needs to be cleaned. Door and pie hole need to be cleaned.
M-4 - Occupied, Ceiling air vents have tissue paper on it, brown substance splatter on ceiling and walls (ongoing issue*) The privacy curtain needs to be replaced, there is only half a curtain. The door and pie hole needs to be cleaned.
M-5 – Occupied, Privacy curtain is missing, paper is on the floor but in neat stacks, door and pie hole need to be cleaned.
M-6 –Occupied, Entire cell needs to be cleaned including the floor. The door and pie hole need to be pressure washed and cleaned.
M-7 is occupied and is clean.
M-8 This cell is occupied and is clean except the door and pie hole.
M-9 is occupied and is clean except the door and pie hole.
M-10–Is occupied and in good condition. The light cover needs to be cleaned or replaced. The door and pie hole also need to be 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.

NOTE: **Medical continues to be cold and damp. Air circulation needs to be improved all of the cell doors need to be pressure washed and cleaned. Cell number 4 needs to have walls, ceiling and floors thoroughly washed.

Kitchen: Food storage area – needs additional shelving space. Cleaning 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.

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| C-1 <u>Clean – No issues noted</u> | C-2 <u>Clean (Female Pod)</u> |
| C-3 <u>Clean, no issues noted</u> | C-4 <u>Clean, no issues noted</u> |
| C-5 <u>Clean *Has a crack in the wall.</u> | C-6 <u>Clean, no issues noted</u> |
| C-7 <u>Floor needs to be swept & vent in the shower is rusted.</u> | |

C-16 **Stockroom:** This is where Pod Workers change. Inmates were in the process of changing, did not inspect.

Outside Recreation Yard: No issues noted

Multipurpose Room: In use for court, and is neat.

C-Pod Hallways: Clean.

Laundry Room: Clean, no maintenance issues noted.

NOTES:

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

| | Present | Capacity | Designation | %Full |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| C-1 | 19 | 32 | Female Maximum | 59.38% |
| C-2 | 38 | 32 | Female Minimum | 118.75% |
| C-3 | 4 | 16 | Male Minimum | 25.00% |
| C-4 | 25 | 24 | Male Workers | 133.33% |
| C-5 | 27 | 24 | Male Minimum | 112.50% |
| C-6 | 22 | 24 | Special Maximum | 91.67% |
| C-7 | 6 | 6 | Isolation Maximum | 100.00% |
| Total | 141 | 158 | | 89.24% |

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

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

D-1 Air vents have dirt/dust. Otherwise clean

D-2 Same air vent issues as D-1, otherwise clean

D-3 Clean, No maintenance issues noted

D-4 Clean, no maintenance issues noted

D-5 Clean, air vent issues

D-6 New locks have been installed, painting is in progress.

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Being used for virtual court proceedings. Carpet needs to be vacuumed when court is concluded for the day.

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

ONGOING ISSUES

***Multipurpose room could use some sound panels to help minimize echoing. It is difficult for the Judge to adequately hear inmates when court is in session. Carpet is very dirty and tattered. It needs to be removed for health reasons.**

NOTES:

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

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

| | Present | Capacity | Designation | %Full |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| D-1 | 36 | 32 | Min/Medium | 112.50% |
| D-2 | 31 | 32 | Medium | 96.88% |
| D-3 | 39 | 32 | Medium | 121.88% |
| D-4 | 28 | 32 | Med/Maximum | 87.50% |
| D-5 | 24 | 32 | Maximum | 75.00% |
| D-6 | 0 | 32 | Maximum | 0.00% |
| Total | 158 | 192 | | 82.29% |

Total Inmates in Pods: 299 **Total Capacity in Pods 350** **85.43%**

OTHER LOCATIONS

| | Male | Female | Total | | |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Intake | 5 | 2 | 7 | | |
| Medical | 16 | 3 | 19 | | |
| Total | 21 | 5 | 26 | | |
| TYPE | Male | Female | Total | % of Capacity | % of Total |
| Federal Inmates | 33 | 8 | 41 | 11.71% | 12.62% |
| TDOC | 62 | 10 | 72 | 20.57% | 22.15% |

| Inmate Population Logistics | Females | Males | Total |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Pre-Trial Misdemeanants | 19 | 50 | 69 |
| Pre-Trial Felons | 14 | 78 | 92 |
| Sentenced Misdemeanants | 4 | 20 | 24 |
| Sentenced Felons | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| State Department of Corrections | 10 | 62 | 72 |
| Federal Inmates | 8 | 33 | 41 |
| House Other Agency | 2 | 15 | 17 |
| No Booking Type | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | <u>62</u> | <u>263</u> | <u>325</u> |

Security Class

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Minimum | 92 |
| Medium | 198 |
| Maximum | 27 |
| Unclassified | 8 |
| Total | <u>325</u> |

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Capacity</u> | <u>%Full</u> |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Females: | 62 | 64 | 96.88% |
| Males: | 263 | 286 | 91.96% |
| | | Total: <u>325</u> | |

Sex Offenders

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|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Females | Males |
| | 2 | 36 |
| Total: | <u>38</u> | |