

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: May 13, 2026 Members present: Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey
Time: 1:30 p.m. Members absent:
Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 354 Males: 305 Females: 49

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean. Dirt around the ceiling air vents, vents need to be scheduled for cleaning.

Showers: Both showers have empty paper cups on the floor and shower curtains are in need of cleaning. Ceiling air vents are blowing dirt & dust out into the shower area.

Cell #1 – Occupied – Trash, cups and tissue paper on the floor and bench. Air vent has tissue paper stuck on it. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #2 – Empty – Has been cleaned. Floor drain needs to be cleaned.

Cell #3 – Occupied - Cell is clean. Maintenance issues noted: Floor drain is stopped up and needs to be flushed.

Cell #4 - Occupied – There is tissue paper sheets scattered on the floor, trash on the bench. No maintenance issues noted.

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

Cell #6 – Occupied – Needs to be cleaned. No maintenance issues noted.

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

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

Cell# 8- Occupied – Ceiling air vent has tissue paper stuck on it, the cell is otherwise clean. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #9 – Occupied – Ceiling air vent has tissue paper stuck on it. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #10 – Virtual courtroom (Court is not in progress), room needs a general cleaning.

Cell #11 – Virtual courtroom & Lawyer/Client Interview Room. Not in use at the time of this visit. Floor drain and trap has foul odor coming from it. Needs to be flushed and cleaned.

***ONGOING ISSUES: Stained and damaged ceiling tiles 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 dirty. Everything needs to be cleaned. Sink, counter, floor needs to be mopped. Trash can is full. No maintenance issues noted.

Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room and needs to be cleaned. The trash can needs to be emptied, floor needs to be cleaned as well as the sink and counter.

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 AND sanitized.

M-3 – Occupied – Tissue is on the air vent, walls have some dark matter on them, entire area needs to be cleaned and sanitized. 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 door and pie hole needs to be cleaned.

M-5 – Occupied, Cell is primarily clean, notebook 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 – Occupied and clean.

M-8 This cell is occupied and is crowded but neat. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-9 is occupied – Floor needs to be cleaned. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-10–Is occupied and in good condition. The light cover needs to be cleaned or replaced.* The door and pie hole 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 through all of the cell doors need to be pressure washed and cleaned. Cell number 4 needs to have walls, ceiling and floors thoroughly washed and sanitized.

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.

C-1 <u>Clean – dirt around ceiling air vents</u>	C-2 <u>Clean – dirt around ceiling air vents</u>
C-3 <u>Clean – dirt around ceiling air vents</u>	C-4 <u>Clean, showers need cleaning</u>
C-5 <u>Clean *crack in the wall, shower issue</u>	C-6 <u>Clean, no maintenance 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. Area in need of general cleaning.

NOTE: Inmates report that there is some sort of fungus spreading. Several have a terrible itching rash and feet and ankles are inflamed and purplish. They believe the issue to be in the showers. Inmate claims that medical is refusing cream. This is ongoing.

Outside Recreation Yard: No issues noted

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

C-Pod Hallways: Clean.

Laundry Room: Clean, no maintenance issues noted.

NOTES:

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	13	32	Female Maximum	40.63%
C-2	31	32	Female Minimum	96.88%
C-3	4	16	Male Minimum	25.00%
C-4	11	24	Male Workers	45.83%
C-5	17	24	Male Minimum	70.83%
C-6	14	24	Special Maximum	58.33%
C-7	6	6	Isolation Maximum	100.00%
Total	96	158		60.76%

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, floor needs cleaning D-2 Clean, same air vent issues
D-3 Clean, same air vent issues D-4 Clean, same air vent issues
D-5 Clean, same air vent issues D-6 Some trash on the floor, same air vent issues

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. No maintenance 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.**

Dirt blowing into the pod is causing build up around air vents and could be contributing to upper respiratory concerns.

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. Second month he has reiterated his status or non-status.

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	44	32	Min/Medium	137.50%
D-2	44	32	Medium	137.50%
D-3	42	32	Medium	131.25%
D-4	36	32	Med/Maximum	112.50%
D-5	28	32	Maximum	87.50%
D-6	33	32	Maximum	103.13%
Total	227	192		118.23%

Total Inmates in Pods: 323 Total Capacity in Pods 350 92.29%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	13	1	14
Medical	13	4	17
Total	26	5	31

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	58	12	70	20.00%	1.57%
TDOC	83	10	93	26.57%	2.09%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	11	42	53
Pre-Trial Felons	10	81	91
Sentenced Misdemeanants	5	24	29
Sentenced Felons	1	3	4
State Department of Corrections	10	83	93
Federal Inmates	12	58	70
House Other Agency	0	14	14
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>49</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>354</u>

Security Class

Minimum	88
Medium	224
Maximum	34
Unclassified	8
Total	<u>354</u>

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	49	64	76.56%
Males:	305	286	106.64%

Total: 355

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	1	45
Total:	<u>46</u>	