

# Facility Inspection Report

## Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: November 5, 2025  
Time: 3:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

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Population: total: 339      Males: 279      Females: 60 \_\_\_\_\_

Public Lobby: Clean

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Hallways: Clean

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

Showers: 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 – Empty and clean except tissue paper on ceiling air vents. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #2 – Occupied and clean. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #3 – Empty and is clean except the commode. 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. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #6 is empty and has not yet been cleaned. No maintenance issues noted.

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 except tissue paper on ceiling air vents. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #9 – Empty, not yet 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 cleaned and the trash containers are full.

**\*ONGOING ISSUES: Stained and damaged ceiling tile throughout the area. 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 except the floor.

**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 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, the door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

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 is clean, except the floor.

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.**

**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. 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 in this pod.**

**Staff Offices** are clean and organized.

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C-1 Clean (Female Pod)

C-2 Clean (Female Pod)

C-3 Clean, no issues noted

C-4 Clean, no issues noted

C-5 Clean \*Has a crack in the wall.

C-6 Clean, no issues noted \_

C-7 Cleaned and trash has been removed. \_

**C-16 Storeroom:** 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 are not yet taken to the laundry.

**Outside Recreation Yard:** Drains appear to be open, there is no standing water issues.

**Multipurpose Room:** Not in use currently and clean.

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

**Laundry Room:** Clean except the utility sink needs to be cleaned. Dryer has been repaired.

**NOTES:**

**\*OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	22	32	Female Maximum	68.75%
C-2	27	32	Female Minimum	84.38%
C-3	10	16	Male Minimum	62.50%
C-4	14	24	Male Workers	58.33%
C-5	11	24	Male Minimum	45.83%
C-6	19	24	Special Maximum	79.17%
C-7	5	6	Isolation Maximum	83.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>158</b>		<b>68.35%</b>

**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 Clean, air vent issues

D-6 Clean, no issues noted

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:** Some graffiti on the walls (won't wash off), 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	38	32	Min/Medium	118.75%
D-2	31	32	Medium	96.88%
D-3	39	32	Medium	121.88%
D-4	39	32	Med/Maximum	121.88%
D-5	21	32	Maximum	65.63%
D-6	35	32	Maximum	109.38%
<b>Total</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>192</b>		<b>105.73%</b>

**Total Inmates in Pods: 311      Total Capacity in Pods 350      88.86%**

## OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	5	5	10
Medical	12	6	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	29	6	35	10.00%	10.32%
TDOC	71	8	79	22.57%	23.30%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	21	48	69
Pre-Trial Felons	19	95	114
Sentenced Misdemeanants	5	15	20
Sentenced Felons	0	3	3
State Department of Corrections	8	71	79
Federal Inmates	6	29	35
House Other Agency	1	18	19
No Booking Type	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>60</u></b>	<b><u>279</u></b>	<b><u>339</u></b>

## Security Class

Minimum	85
Medium	209
Maximum	41
Unclassified	4
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>339</u></b>

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	60	64	93.75%
Males:	279	286	97.55%
	<b>Total: <u>339</u></b>		

## Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	3	45
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>48</u></b>	