

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: July 21, 2022
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord
Members absent: James Ferguson
Others present: Officer Palonis

Population: total: 447 Males: 394 Females: 53

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, water-stained ceiling tiles still not replaced, Offices clean, Primary Bathroom, clean; Shower area is organized. One shower stall allows water outside of the stall leaving wet puddles that is a slip/fall hazard. Cell#1 – Occupied – Tissue paper is completely covering the ceiling air vents, but cell is otherwise clean. Cell #2 – Occupied and is clean. Cell #3 – Empty and is clean except for tissue on air vent. Cell #4- Occupied, has tissue paper stuck to ceiling air vents and floor needs to be swept. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) Sallyport is clean and garage is clean. No cars were being washed during this visit. Cell #6 – Empty and is clean. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew. Locked not inspected during this visit. Cell# 8- Empty – and has tissue paper stuck to air vents but is otherwise clean. Cell #9 – Empty, and is ready to be cleaned. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom. Clean and not in use at the time of this visit. Cell #11 – has been converted from the Lawyer/Client Interview Room into a virtual courtroom. Not in use at the time of this visit and is clean.

*Most of the old ceiling tile is scheduled for replacement.

*The fingerprint/locker area is looking better. Most of the abandoned wiring has been removed.

*Large trash collection cans have not yet been emptied.

NOTE: Showers in intake have concrete flooring, and it is in very bad condition. This is a potential safety hazard.

Medical: Exam #1 – Not cleaned after prior use, protective paper on bed needs to be changed, table, sink and counter needs to be cleaned and sanitized. Room is not in use at time of inspection. Exam #2 – Walls are dirty, sink, counter and floor needs to be cleaned. M-2 – This is the decontamination area; it is free of clutter and trash but floor and walls appear to need cleaning and sanitizing. It is not in use at the time of the visit. M3 – Occupied and is in definite need of cleaning. Room also needs to be sanitized, it is damp and very cold. M-4 is occupied, floor needs to be cleaned and air vents cleaned of tissue paper. The old floor tile has been removed leaving a rough concrete surface. M-5 – Is occupied and floor needs to be cleaned. Floor tile is broken been removed, leaving a rough surface. M-6, is empty and needs to be cleaned. M-7, is occupied and has tissue paper on ceiling air vents, floor tile is broken in several places and needs to be replaced as soon as can be arranged and cell stands in need of painting. Vinyl wall trim is badly deteriorated. M-8 This cell is occupied, floor needs cleaning and the privacy curtain needs to be replaced. M-9 is occupied and has tissue paper on ceiling air vents and some trash on the floor. M-10 – Is occupied and is clean except for ceiling air vents. Hallway floors need to be cleaned and trash cans are full. Shower is unoccupied and clean.

***All pie holes in Medical need to be pressure washed and sanitized.**

NOTE: Almost all ceiling air vents are covered with tissue paper. Medical is much colder than other areas of the facility.

Kitchen: Food storage area – needs more shelving space. Kitchen floor was in the process of being cleaned. Carts need to be washed and sanitized. No water leaks or equipment issues noted during this visit.

Laundry: Clean- No Laundry in progress during this visit. Washing machines and dryers have been replaced.

Library: Orderly

C-Pod: *West wall in C-5 has been patched. Outside of building has been water sealed. No evidence of water intrusion at this time. ***Mold / Mildew has improved considerably. Air circulation is much improved and there is no evidence of roof leaks.**

Dinner delivery was in progress.

Offices for Lieutenant and Corporal are clean and organized

C-1 Clean	C-2_ Clean
C-3 Clean	C-4 Clean – Replace shower curtain
C-5 – Replace shower curtain	C-6 Clean – Air Conditioning not working properly
C-7 – Floor needs to be swept, Air Conditioning not working in this cell	

C16 Stockroom – Cracks in walls are getting worse. Needs to be evaluated for repairs.

Multipurpose Room: Clean and orderly. No classes or court cases being held at the time of this visit.

C-Pod Hallways – Clean and orderly.

All Red Zones in C-Pod cells need to be repainted.

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints during this visit. Shower curtains in most of the cells can stand to be replaced. Overcrowding is much improved.

***Showers overall are much improved.**

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	18	32	Female Maximum	56.25%
C-2	33	32	Female Minimum	103.13%
C-3	20	16	Male Minimum	125.00%
C-4	26	24	Male Workers	108.33%
C-5	28	24	Male Minimum	116.67%
C-6	28	24	Special Maximum	116.67%
C-7	6	6	Isolation Maximum	100.00%
Total	159	158		100.63%

D-Pod: Hallway is clean and orderly.

Recovery Classroom is not in use at this time but is clean and orderly.

D-1 Clean but crowded

D-2 Clean but crowded

D-3 Clean, except floor needs to be swept, crowded

D-4 No issues noted

D-5 No issues noted

D-6 – Some food wrappers are on the floor and the floor could stand to be swept, internet connections weak. Connectivity is sketchy or nonexistent & its crowded

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Has had carpet removed and is being converted for use with virtual court proceedings. It is clean and unoccupied. Could use some sound panels to take care of echoing.

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints were registered during this visit. The air circulation is much improved, and showers look much better, except inmates toss opened soap wrappers on the floor and leave them. The Wi-Fi connectivity issues need to be boosted D-6.

OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	42	32	Min/Medium	131.25%
D-2	54	32	Medium	168.75%
D-3	49	32	Medium	153.13%
D-4	28	32	Med/Maximum	87.50%
D-5	37	32	Maximum	115.63%
D-6	48	32	Maximum	150.00%
Total	258	192		134.38%
Total Inmates in Pods		417	Capacity 192	119.14%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	10	1	11
Medical	18	1	19
Total	28	2	30

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	74	3	77	22.00	17.23%
TDOC	87	8	95	27.14%	21.25%

Inmate Population Logistics

	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	14	73	87
Pre-Trial Felons	18	95	113
Sentenced Misdemeanants	8	31	39
Sentenced Felons	1	9	10
State Department of Corrections	8	87	95
Federal Inmates	3	74	77
House Other Agency	1	25	26
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	53	394	447

Security Class

Minimum	88
Medium	302
Maximum	37
Unclassified	20
Total	447

	Present	Capacity	%Full
Females:	53	64	82.81%
Males:	394	286	137.76%
Total:	454		

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males	Total
	0	38	38
Total:			