

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Oct. 2, 2024

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Hannum, Bob Ramsey

Members absent: Keith McCord

Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: TOTAL: 371 MALES: 314 FEMALES: 57

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean; both showers have new floor mats, which is a great resolve until showers can be upgraded. Entire shower area was clean.

Cell #1 – Empty, cell is clean all that is needed is the floor to be mopped. No noticeable maintenance issues noted. *Cell #2* – Occupied (inmates just arriving and not dressed out yet). Cell is clean and not notable maintenance issues found. *Cell #3* – Empty and not yet cleaned. Tissue paper wads and strips littering the floor, something brown has been splattered on one of the walls, commode needs cleaning. Lighting is good and no maintenance issues are noted. *Cell #4* – Occupied, and has no noticeable issues of cleanliness or maintenance. *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. One arrestee has been brought in for processing. *Cell #6* – is empty and has not yet been cleaned. No maintenance issues 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, no other issues noted. *Cell #8* – Empty and has been cleaned. Floor drain needs in need of cleaning. No other maintenance issues noted. *Cell #9* – Occupied and has no issues. Cell is clean and well lit. *Cell #10* – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) needs a general cleaning. *Cell #11* – Serves a dual purpose as Lawyer/Client Interview Room and virtual courtroom. It is not in use at the time of this visit and is clean.

***ONGOING ISSUES: None noted.**

Medical: *Exam #1* – Not in use at the time of this visit. The floor is both dirty and sticky, counter and sink need to be cleaned. No maintenance issues noted. *Exam #2* – Is now used as a supply room and has trash on the floor, sink and counter need to be cleaned. No maintenance issues noted.

Pharmacy: Clean and orderly.

M-2 – This is the decontamination area; Area is clean.

M-3 – Occupied and clean. The floor, pie hole and door need to be cleaned both inside and outside.

M-4 – Occupied, and the cell is clean.

M-5 – Occupied, and is clean except the door and pie hole need to be cleaned. The new floor epoxy is coming off apparently from moving beds in and out.

M-6 – Occupied, and is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

M-7 – Occupied and clean. The floor tile is broken in several places and needs to be replaced as soon as can be arranged.

M-8 – This cell is occupied and is clean except the floor around the commode needs to be cleaned.

M-9 – Occupied, the cell is occupied and clean. No maintenance issues noted.

M-10 – Is occupied and in good condition. The light cover needs to be cleaned or replaced.

Hallway floors need to be cleaned and trash cans need to be emptied. The shower is not in use and is the walls need to be cleaned of soap scum. The nurse’s main office is clean. Office used for dental hygiene is locked, did not inspect.

NOTES: ****Medical continues to be cold and damp. Air circulation needs to be improved.**

Kitchen: Food storage area – stands in need of additional shelving space. Cleaning was in progress. No issues noted during this visit and no complaints or needs were registered. ***Exhaust hood over the stove needs to have the dry sprinkler system replaced.**

Laundry: Clean- No laundry being done during this visit. Area is clean and organized and leaks have been repaired. The middle dryer is down for repairs, waiting for parts.

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

Dinner delivery was in progress.

Staff Offices: Clean and organized.

C-1 Clean (Female Pod)

C-2 Clean (Female Pod)

C-3 Clean

C-4 Clean (Pod Workers)

C-5 Clean

C-6 Trash is on the floor, needs to be swept.

C-7 This area is maximum security and are all occupied. The general area is good, except the floor and shower need a general cleaning.

C-16 Stockroom: This is where Pod Workers change from work uniforms back into their stripes. Area is clean and organized.

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

Multipurpose Room: No in use at the time of this visit. The carpet needs to be vacuumed and tables need to be cleaned.

C-Pod Hallways: Clean, large trash cans will be emptied by nighttime pod workers. Dinner delivery in progress.*

NOTES:

The wall cracks in C-16 have no noticeable changes. The cracks appear worse in winter due to thermocycling.

The boilers were down for repairs and there was no hot water for several days. Parts came in, and the boilers have been repaired.

INMATE COMPLAINTS: Several complaints were registered regarding a lack of hot water, but as noted the problem has been repaired.

***OVERCROWDING NOTES: C POD**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>%Full</u>
C-1	18	32	Female Maximum	56.25%
C-2	32	32	Female Minimum	100.00%
C-3	5	16	Male Minimum	31.25%
C-4	26	24	Male Workers	108.33%
C-5	26	24	Male Minimum	108.33%
C-6	22	24	Special Maximum	91.67%
C-7	6	6	Isolation Maximum	100.00%
TOTAL	156	158		85.44%

D-Pod: Hallway: Clean and orderly, meal delivery is in progress. Large trash cans in the hallway will be emptied by nighttime pod workers.

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

D-1 Air vents are dirty D-2 Air vents are dirty
 D-3 Air vents dirty D-4 Air vent dirty, otherwise good
 D-5 Empty waiting for lock certification D-6 Air vent dirty, floor not swept
 D-7 (Multi-purpose room). Not in use at the time of this visit. Carpet needs to be vacuumed. *Could use some sound panels to help minimize echoing.

INMATE COMPLAINTS: **No hot water. As noted in C Pod, the Boilers were down for several days, but have been repaired. Suggest that the maintenance department investigate the cost of keeping common repair/replacement parts in inventory so as to help alleviate the long lead time for parts.**

Recreation Yard: Drains are open and the yard is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

NOTES:

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

*Installation of new locks on D-5 is complete but waiting for inspection and cleared for use.

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>%Full</u>
D-1	39	32	Min/Medium	121.88%
D-2	46	32	Medium	143.75%
D-3	40	32	Medium	125.00%
D-4	40	32	Med/Maximum	140.63%
D-5	0	32	Maximum	00.00%
D-6	39	32	Maximum	121.88%
TOTAL	197	158		108.55%

Total Inmates in Pods: 344 Total Capacity in Pods: 350 98.29%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	8	2	10
Medical	13	5	18
TOTAL	21	7	28

Type	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	44	5	49	14.00%	13.17%
TDOC	57	6	63	18.00%	16.94%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	22	67	89
Pre-Trial Felons	19	124	143
Sentenced Misdemeanants	2	13	15
Sentenced Felons	3	5	8
State Department of Corrections	6	57	63
Federal Inmates	5	44	49
House Other Agency	0	5	5
No Booking Type	0	4	0
TOTAL	57	314	371

Security Class

Minimum	104
Medium	227
Maximum	31
Unclassified	9
TOTAL	371

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	57	64	89.06%
Males:	314	286	109.79%
TOTAL:	371		

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males	TOTAL
	3	39	42