

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: May 7, 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Members present:

Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey

Members absent:

Others present:

Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 380

Males: 308

Females: 72

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean. Both shower stalls need to be cleaned. Air vents are dirty and the sink and commode need to be cleaned.

Several ceiling tiles are badly stained, need to be replaced as schedule allows.

Cell #1 – Occupied, undressed males, Trash is on the floor and the commode is dirty. The floor needs to be mopped. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #2 – Occupied, some trash and empty food trays on the floor. The floor drain needs to be cleaned out. Cell #3 – Empty, and has been cleaned. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #4- Occupied, and is clean. Floor drain needs to be cleaned out. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) The car wash bay is clean. No maintenance issues are noted. Cell #6- Empty and has been cleaned. No maintenance issues are 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, and floor needs to be cleaned. Cell #8- Occupied, has tissue paper stuck to ceiling air vents. Otherwise is clean. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #9 – Occupied, trash is on the floor, commode and area around the commode needs to be cleaned and floor mopped. Floor drain needs to be cleaned out. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) and is clean. 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: Stained and damaged ceiling tile. Floor drains in need of cleaning out. It might be a good idea to put the floor drains on a regular maintenance schedule for cleaning.**

Medical: Exam #1 – In use at the time of this visit.

Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room and is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

Pharmacy: Closed & Locked. Did not inspect.

M-2 – This is the decontamination area; Floor, corners and walls need to be cleaned.

M-3 – Occupied, walls and door and pie hole needs to be cleaned.

M-4 - Occupied, The ceiling is dirty, there are black and brown spots on half of the ceiling area. Trash and food trays are on the floor, there is tissue paper stuck to the ceiling light fixture & air vent. The cell needs a thorough cleaning, including the door and pie hole.

M-5 – Occupied, and is clean except the door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-6 – Occupied and there is trash on the floor. Floor also needs to be mopped and cleaned. No maintenance issues noted.

M-7 - Occupied and is clean except the floor needs to be mopped. No maintenance issues noted.

M-8 - This cell is occupied and clean. Medication is being dispensed. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-9 Occupied, the cell is overcrowded but is in clean condition. No maintenance issues noted.

M-10–Is occupied and clean. Light cover needs to be cleaned or replaced.

Hallway floors need to be swept and mopped and trash cans need to be emptied.

The shower is not in use, and is clean. Shower curtain needs to be replaced.

Nurses offices clean and organized. The office used for dental hygiene is locked, and did not get inspected.

NOTE: **Cold temperatures is much improved today. *Air circulation needs to be improved, and extra blankets issued.

Inmate Complaints.

***Inmate Rhonda Robinson, reports that she has been held since 2/16/23 and has not received a visit from her court appointed attorney and that her court dates have been reset multiple times without her being notified as to why. She states that she is in danger of losing her bed placement (if she hasn't already) for treatment. Still has not seen her attorney but understands she has been reset for later in the month.**

***Dentist has not been in facility for more than 4 months.**

Recovery & MRA Classroom: Clean and orderly

Kitchen: Food storage area – stands in need of additional shelving space. Kitchen crews are preparing dinner trays for delivery. No Maintenance issues noted during this visit. See note below*

Laundry: No laundry is being done during this visit. Utility sink is dirty, #2 washer has a leaking gasket. Water is puddling behind the washer. (still waiting for parts).

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

NOTE: Sprinkler system for the hot food prep area has been submitted in the 2025/2026 budget request.

C-1 Clean, (Female Pod)

C-2 Clean, (Female Pod).

C-3 Clean, no maintenance issues

C-4 Clean, dirt around ceiling air vents

C-5 Clean, dirt around ceiling air vents

C-6 Clean, (Pod workers) no maintenance issues.

C-7 This area is maximum security. All cells are occupied. The shower and floor needs to be cleaned and The table has a large bare spot which was rusted through, (paint has been scratched off). Needs painting.

*The area that has paint scraped off is rusting out causing the area to be a cut/abrasion hazard. The table needs to be smoothed and repainted to eliminate the health hazard risk.

NOTE: All new door locks have been installed.

All cell blocks have noticeable dirt around the ceiling air vents.

C-16 Stockroom: Floor needs to be swept and mopped. No noticeable change in the wall cracks.

Outside Recreation Yard: Yard drains are open and the yard is clean except for graffiti is on the block walls. No maintenance issues noted.

Multipurpose Room: The only noted issues is the carpet. Not in use at the time of this visit. The carpet needs to be vacuumed, and tables cleaned.

C-Pod Hallways: Clean, and orderly.

Inmate Complaints: None

***OVERCROWDING NOTES: C POD**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	26	32	Female Maximum	81.25%
C-2	37	32	Female Minimum	115.63%
C-3	8	16	Male Minimum	50.00%
C-4	30	24	Male Workers	125.00%
C-5	29	24	Male Minimum	120.83%
C-6	20	24	Special Maximum	83.33%
C-7	4	6	Isolation Maximum	66.67%
Total	154	158		97.47%

D-Pod: Hallway: Clean and orderly.

Officers Offices: All are clean and orderly.

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

D-1 <u>Cell block is empty, being painted</u>	D-2 Dirt is around the ceiling air vents, kiosk is not working
D-3 <u>Trash is on the floor, but otherwise clean</u>	D-4 <u>Cell is clean. No maintenance issues noted</u>
D-5 <u>Housekeeping is in good condition</u>	D-6 <u>Housekeeping is in good condition.</u>
D-7 (Multi-purpose room). Needs to be cleaned. Carpet needs to be vacuumed.	

Inmate Complaints: * Not enough Food, Ceiling air vents are dirty and blowing dirt into the atmosphere.

Recreation Yard: Drains are open with no standing water issues. The yard has trash in the corners and the commode has trash in it as well. No maintenance issues noted.

NOTES:

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

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	48	32	Min/Medium	150.00%
D-2	41	32	Medium	128.13%
D-3	45	32	Medium	140.63%
D-4	0	32	Med/Maximum	0%
D-5	27	32	Maximum	84.33%
D-6	28	32	Maximum	87.50%
Total	189	192		98.44%

Total Inmates in Pods: 343__

Total Capacity in Pods 350

98.00% Full

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	13	4	17
Medical	16	5	21
Total	29	9	38

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	41	4	45	12.86%	11.81%
TDOC	53	8	61	17.43%	16.01%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	24	70	94
Pre-Trial Felons	33	106	139
Sentenced Misdemeanants	2	16	18
Sentenced Felons	1	7	8
State Department of Corrections	8	53	61
Federal Inmates	4	41	45
House Other Agency	0	15	15
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>72</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>380</u>

Security Class

Minimum	104
Medium	234
Maximum	36
Unclassified	6
Total	<u>380</u>

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	72	64	112.50%
Males:	308	286	107.69%

Total: 347

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	2	46
Total:	48	