

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: April 2, 2025
Time: 3:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 347 Males: 299 Females: 48

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean. The shower area is clean and organized, except empty paper cups have been thrown on the floor of shower stalls instead of disposing of them in the trash receptacle. Ceiling tile is badly stained, need to be replaced as schedule allows.

Cell#1 – Occupied, Ceiling air vent has tissue paper stuck to it, trash is on the floor, commode is dirty and, 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, trash is on the benches and on the floor. Food has been thrown on the floor in front of the commode. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #4- Occupied, and is clean. Floor drain needs to be cleaned out. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) An inmate is being processed in. The car wash bay is clean. No maintenance issues are noted. Cell #6- Occupied, cell is clean and 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 and clean. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #9 – Occupied and is clean. 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 commode needs to be cleaned.

***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 schedule for cleaning.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Not in use at the time of this visit, and is clean except the floor needs to be swept and mopped. The faucet in the sink has a slow drip and needs to be repaired.

Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room and the sink needs to be cleaned. 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 the window has a blackout curtain due to an inmate in a state of agitation. Cell is dirty with food and trash thrown all around. Floor also needs to be mopped and cleaned. . No maintenance issues noted.

M-7 - Occupied and needs to be cleaned. Clothes trash and tissue paper all ove the floor. Bloody tissue paper on the floor and tissue paper is stuck to the ceiling air vent. 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. occupied and clean except the floor. 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.

Nurses offices clean and organized. The 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.**

***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 is being 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, (Pod Workers), clean

C-5 Clean, no maintenance issues

C-6 Clea, 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 (paint has been scratched off) that is getting worse.

*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.

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 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	21	32	Female Maximum	65.63%
C-2	27	32	Female Minimum	84.38%
C-3	4	16	Male Minimum	25.00%
C-4	31	24	Male Workers	129.17%
C-5	31	24	Male Minimum	129.17%
C-6	17	24	Special Maximum	70.83%
C-7	6	6	Isolation Maximum	100.00%
Total	137	158		86.71%

D-Pod: Hallway: Clean and orderly.

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

D-1 Cell block is empty, being painted

D-2 Dirt is around the ceiling air vents, kiosk is not working

D-3 Trash is on the floor, but otherwise clean

D-4 Cell is clean. No maintenance issues noted

D-5 Trash has been swept to the corner. There is no trash can in the cell block.

D-6 Full laundry bags not yet taken to laundry, dirty
A towel is on the floor outside the cell block.

D-7 (Multi-purpose room). Court is still in session, the carpet needs to be vacuumed when court ends.

Inmate Complaints: * Not enough Food

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.**

***The installation of all new door locks in D Pod has been completed.**

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	0	32	Min/Medium	00.00%
D-2	45	32	Medium	140.63%
D-3	43	32	Medium	134.38%
D-4	39	32	Med/Maximum	121.88%
D-5	23	32	Maximum	71.88%
D-6	28	32	Maximum	87.50%
Total	178	192		92.71%

Total Inmates in Pods: 315__

Total Capacity in Pods 350

90.00% Full

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	10	4	14
Medical	14	4	18
Total	24	8	32

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	37	4	41	11.71%	11.82%
TDOC	41	7	48	13.71%	13.83%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	15	64	79
Pre-Trial Felons	26	120	146
Sentenced Misdemeanants	4	13	17
Sentenced Felons	0	5	5
State Department of Corrections	7	41	48
Federal Inmates	4	37	41
House Other Agency	0	12	12
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>56</u>	<u>291</u>	<u>347</u>

Security Class

Minimum	104
Medium	202
Maximum	37
Unclassified	5
Total	<u>348</u>

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	56	64	87.50%
Males:	291	286	101.75%

Total: 347

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	3	50
Total:	53	