

# Facility Inspection Report

## Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Sept. 18, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Members present:

Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey

Members absent:

Others present:

Deputy Ryan Palonis

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Population: total: 353

Males: 295

Females: 58

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; Both showers are in the process of being cleaned.

Cell#1 – Occupied (6 inmates), cell needs to be cleaned. Tissue paper on ceiling air vents, tissue paper, Styrofoam food trays, Styrofoam cups on the floor, toilet paper on the floor and commode needs to be cleaned. No noticeable maintenance issues noted. Cell #2 – Empty and clean. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #3 – Occupied (1 inmate) and has trash on the floor and bench. No noticeable maintenance issues. Cell #4- Empty and not yet cleaned. Commode not flushed...full of tissue paper. Graffiti on walls and bench (with soap), tissue paper on ceiling air vents and floor needs to be swept and mopped. No noticeable maintenance issues. 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. Cell #6 is empty and has not yet been cleaned. There is water surrounding the commode at the base, possible water leak. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, clean and organized. The Fingerprint area, stained ceiling tiles need to be replaced, the sink, counter and floor needs to be cleaned. Cell# 8- Occupied, mental patient being watched. Foul odor coming from the cell. Tissue paper on ceiling air vent. Cell #9 – Empty, needs cleaning. Brown substance on the walls (apparently feces) , roll of toilet paper thrown and is stuck between the wall and camera. The commode needs to be cleaned. No maintenance issues noted. 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 cells need to be cleaned.**

**Medical:** Exam #1 – Not in use at the time of this visit and is clean and organized except floor needs to be cleaned. Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room. Floor and sink/counter area need to be cleaned and trash needs to be emptied.

**Pharmacy:** Organized, but the floor needs to be mopped and cleaned.

M-2 – This is the decontamination area; Floor is dirty, needs to be swept and mopped and the walls need to be cleaned.

M-3 – Occupied (1 inmate) needs to be cleaned. Trash, papers (drawings) on the floor, food and Styrofoam trays need to be removed. Floor, walls and door need to be cleaned. Commode also needs to be cleaned & sanitized.

M-4 - Occupied, Inmates (2) need extra blankets, one inmate is on an oxygen concentrator. The cell needs to be cleaned, especially ceiling. Ongoing issue.  
M-5 – Occupied, there is trash on the floor and it needs to be mopped, tissue paper on the ceiling air vents. There are no noticeable maintenance issues.  
M-6 –Occupied, and Blacked out, inmate on suicide watch. floor needs to be cleaned. The door and pie hole also need to be pressure washed and cleaned.  
M-7 is occupied and needs to be cleaned. The privacy curtain is missing and needs to be replaced. Pie hole need to be cleaned.  
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 issues noted during this visit and no complaints 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.**

**Staff Offices** are clean and organized.

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C-1 <u>Clean (Female Pod)</u>	C-2 <u>Clean (Female Pod)</u>
C-3 <u>Clean</u>	C-4 <u>Floor &amp; Air Vents needs to be cleaned</u>
C-5 <u>Clean *Has a crack in the wall. Maintenance needs to evaluate.</u>	
C-6 <u>Has been cleaned.</u> _	
C-7 <u>Cleaned and trash has been removed.</u> _	

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

**Outside Recreation Yard:** Drains appear to be open, there is no standing water issues. No maintenance issues noted during this visit.

**Multipurpose Room:** Empty, carpet has been removed!

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

**Laundry Room:** Clean and organized. No water leaks or maintenance issues are evident.

**NOTES: Overcrowding numbers do not match the number of inmates housed. Total number housed is 353, total number on overcrowding statistics is 273\*\***

**\*OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>%Full</b>
C-1	21	32	Female Maximum	65.63%
C-2	26	32	Female Minimum	81.25%
C-3	6	16	Male Minimum	37.50%
C-4	17	24	Male Workers	87.50%
C-5	17	24	Male Minimum	70.83%
C-6	22	24	Special Maximum	91.67%
C-7	6	6	Isolation Maximum	100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>158</b>		<b>72.78%</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 Same air vent issues as in D-1 and D-2

D-4 Air vent issues otherwise clean

D-5 Air vent issues otherwise clean

D-6 Air vent issues, trash swept into pile in front of 614

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: Drains are open and clean, some graffiti on the walls, otherwise clean.

**NOTES:**

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

**\*New locks are to be installed in D-4 next month.**

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**D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>%Full</b>
D-1	46	32	Min/Medium	143.75%
D-2	39	32	Medium	121.88%
D-3	40	32	Medium	125.00%
D-4	37	32	Med/Maximum	115.63%
D-5	21	32	Maximum	65.63%
D-6	28	32	Maximum	87.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>192</b>		<b>109.90%</b>

**Total Inmates in Pods: 326      Total Capacity in Pods 350      93.14%**  
**Females**

## OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	6	4	10
Medical	10	7	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	38	5	43	12.29%	0.82%
TDOC	130	24	154	44.00%	2.93%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	19	50	69
Pre-Trial Felons	18	107	125
Sentenced Misdemeanants	2	18	20
Sentenced Felons	4	3	7
State Department of Corrections	8	72	80
Federal Inmates	5	34	39
House Other Agency	2	11	13
No Booking Type	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>353</b>

**\*These Numbers are correct\***

## Security Class

Minimum	100
Medium	209
Maximum	38
Unclassified	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	58	64	90.63%
Males:	295	286	103.15%
<b>Total: 361</b>			

## Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	4	44
<b>Total:</b>	<b>48</b>	