

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Nov. 14, 2024
Time: 3:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 337 Males: 288 Females: 49

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. The entire shower area was clean.

Cell#1 – Occupied, cell is clean all that is needed is the floor to be mopped. No noticeable maintenance issues noted. Cell #2 – Empty, cell has not yet been cleaned. The floor drain also needs to be cleaned out. Cell #3 – Empty and is clean. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #4- Occupied, clean and has no 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. One arrestee has been brought in for processing. Cell #6 is empty and has 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 except there is tissue paper stuck to the ceiling air vents. Floor drain needs to be cleaned. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #9 – Occupied and is clean except the 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 ceiling tile.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Not in use at the time of this visit. Clean and no maintenance issues noted.
Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room and is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

Pharmacy: Locked, did not inspect.

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

M-3 – Occupied and has paper of all kinds strewn on the floor, food and Styrofoam containers thrown on floor. Cell needs a thorough cleaning. The floor, pie hole and door needs to be cleaned both inside and outside.

M-4 - Occupied, and the cell is clean except there is tissue paper stuck to the ceiling light fixture.

M-5 – Occupied, and is clean except the door and pie hole need to be cleaned and there is tissue paper stuck to the ceiling air vents. 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. Cell is clean except tissue paper is stuck to ceiling air vents.

M-8 - This cell is occupied and appears to be clean. Diabetes blood checks are being performed. No maintenance issues observed.

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/mopped and trash cans need to be emptied.

The shower is not in use and is clean.

Nurses offices clean and organized, and the office used for dental hygiene is locked, did not inspect.

NOTE: **Medical continues to be cold and damp. 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.**

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. 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 are clean and organized.

C-1 Clean (Female Pod)

C-2 Clean (Female Pod)

C-3 Clean no maintenance issues

C-4 Clean, (Pod Workers)

C-5 Clean

C-6 Floor, needs to be swept.

C-7 This area is maximum security and are all cells are occupied. The general area is good except the Shower needs a general cleaning.

C-16 Stockroom: This is where Pod Workers change from work uniforms back into their stripes. Area has not had dirty uniforms picked and taken to the Laundry. Floor needs a general cleaning.

Outside Recreation Yard: No standing water issues and not maintenance issues noted.

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

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 has no noticeable changes. The cracks appear worse in winter due to thermocycling.

The boilers were down for repairs and hot water has been restored.

Inmate Complaints: None

*OVERCROWDING NOTES: C POD

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	14	32	Female Maximum	43.75%
C-2	27	32	Female Minimum	84.38%
C-3	5	16	Male Minimum	31.25%
C-4	27	24	Male Workers	112.50%
C-5	30	24	Male Minimum	125.00%
C-6	18	24	Special Maximum	75.00%
C-7	6	6	Isolation Maximum	100.00%
Total	127	158		80.38%

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 Cell is clean except floor

D-2 Cell is clean

D-3 Cell is clean

D-4 Cell is clean

D-5 Clean, air vents need to be cleaned__

D-6 Air vent dirty and need to be cleaned

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: Leslie Davenport (D-2) reports that he has been revoked to serve, and is requesting transport so that he can be assigned work.

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.**

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	35	32	Min/Medium	109.38%
D-2	43	32	Medium	134.38%
D-3	36	32	Medium	112.50%
D-4	37	32	Med/Maximum	115.63%
D-5	0	32	Maximum	00.00%
D-6	32	32	Maximum	100.00%
Total	183	192		95.31%

Total Inmates in Pods: 310 Total Capacity in Pods 350 88.57%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	5	2	7
Medical	14	6	20
Total	19	8	27

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	38	4	42	12.00%	13.17%
TDOC	57	4	61	17.43%	18.10%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	18	56	74
Pre-Trial Felons	18	116	134
Sentenced Misdemeanants	3	11	14
Sentenced Felons	2	3	5
State Department of Corrections	4	57	61
Federal Inmates	45	38	42
House Other Agency	0	7	7
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>49</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>337</u>

Security Class

Minimum	82
Medium	214
Maximum	35
Unclassified	6
Total	<u>337</u>

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	49	64	76.56%
Males:	288	286	100.70%
Total:		<u>371</u>	

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	4	37
Total:	41	