

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: August 18, 2022 Members present: Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord
Time: 4:00 p.m. Members absent: James Ferguson
Others present: Officer Palonis

Population: total: 424 Males: 368 Females: 56

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, water-stained ceiling tile in hallway to shower area still remains to be replaced, Offices clean, Primary Bathroom, clean; Shower area is organized. One shower stall allows water outside of the stall leaving wet puddles that is a slip/fall hazard. The second shower has a very rough concrete bottom. *See note below. Cell #1 – Empty and has been cleaned except tissue paper is covering the ceiling air vents. Cell #2 – Occupied and is clean. Cell #3 – Occupied and is clean except for tissue on air vent. Cell #4- Occupied, and is clean. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) Sallyport is clean, and garage is clean. No cars were being washed during this visit. Cell #6 – Empty and is clean. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew. Locked not inspected during this visit. Fingerprint area is clean. Cell# 8- Occupied, tissue is covering the air vent and floor needs to be cleaned. Cell #9 – Empty, and is clean. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom. Clean and not in use at the time of this visit. Cell #11 – has been converted from the Lawyer/Client Interview Room into a virtual courtroom. Not in use at the time of this visit and is clean.

*The fingerprint/locker area is looking better. Most of the abandoned wiring has been removed.

*Large trash collection cans have not yet been emptied.

NOTE: Showers in intake have concrete flooring, and it is in very bad condition. This is a potential safety hazard.

Medical: Exam #1 – Not clean. Table, sink and counter needs to be cleaned and sanitized. Room is not in use at time of inspection. Exam #2 – Walls are dirty, sink, counter and floor needs to be cleaned. M-2 – This is the decontamination area; it is free of clutter and trash, but floor and walls appear to need cleaning and sanitizing. It is not in use at the time of the visit. M3 – Occupied and is in definite need of cleaning. Room also needs to be sanitized, it is damp and very cold. M-4 is empty and clean, floor is scheduled to be cleaned with the floor scrubber/buffer. Vents need to be cleaned of tissue paper. The old floor tile has been removed leaving a rough concrete surface. M-5 – Is occupied and floor needs to be cleaned. Floor tile is broken been removed, leaving a rough surface. M-6, is occupied and is clean. M-7, is occupied and has tissue paper on ceiling air vents, floor tile is broken in several places and needs to be replaced as soon as can be arranged and cell stands in need of painting. Vinyl wall trim is badly deteriorated. M-8 This cell is occupied, floor needs cleaning and the privacy curtain needs to be replaced. M-9 is occupied and has tissue paper on ceiling air vents but is otherwise clean. M-10 – Is occupied and is clean except for ceiling air vents and light covers. Hallway floors need to be cleaned and trash cans are full. Shower is unoccupied and clean.

***All pie holes in Medical need to be pressure washed and sanitized.**

NOTE: Almost all ceiling air vents are covered with tissue paper. Medical is much colder than other areas of the facility and patients may be in need of additional blankets.

Kitchen: Food storage area – needs more shelving space. Kitchen floor was in the process of being cleaned. Carts need to be washed and sanitized. No water leaks or equipment issues noted during this visit.

Laundry: Clean- No Laundry in progress during this visit. Washing machines and dryers have been replaced.

Library: Orderly

C-Pod: *West wall in C-5 has been patched. Outside of building has been water sealed. No evidence of water intrusion at this time. ***Mold / Mildew has improved considerably. Air circulation is much improved and there is no evidence of roof leaks.**

Dinner delivery was in progress.
Offices for Lieutenant and Corporal are clean and organized

C-1 Clean _____	C-2 Clean _____
C-3 Clean _____	C-4 Clean – Replace shower curtain _____.
C-5 – Replace shower curtain _____	C-6 Clean – Air Conditioning not working properly _____
C-7 – Floor needs to be swept, food trays need to be removed	

C16 Stockroom – Cracks in walls are getting worse. Needs to be evaluated for repairs.

Multipurpose Room: Clean and orderly. No classes or court cases being held at the time of this visit.
C-Pod Hallways – Clean and orderly.
All Red Zones in C-Pod cells need to be repainted.

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints during this visit. Shower curtains in most of the cells can stand to be replaced. Overcrowding is much improved.
***Showers overall are much improved.**

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	18	32	Female Maximum	56.25%
C-2	34	32	Female Minimum	106.25%
C-3	21	16	Male Minimum	131.25%
C-4	20	24	Male Workers	83.33%
C-5	25	24	Male Minimum	104.17%
C-6	24	24	Special Maximum	100.00%
C-7	7	6	Isolation Maximum	116.67%
Total	149	158		94.30%

D-Pod: Hallway is clean and orderly.
Recovery Classroom is not in use at the time of this visit but is clean and orderly.

D-1 Clean but crowded _____
 D-3 Clean but crowded _____
 D-5 No issues noted

D-2 Clean but crowded _____
 D-4 Trash on the floor but otherwise clean
 D-6 – No housekeeping issues. *internet connections/
Connectivity is sketchy or nonexistent & its crowded

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Has had carpet removed and is being converted for use with virtual court proceedings. It is clean and unoccupied. Could use some sound panels to take care of echoing.

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints were registered during this visit. The air circulation is much improved, and showers look much better, except inmates toss opened soap wrappers on the floor and leave them. The Wi-Fi connectivity issues need to be boosted D-6.

OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	48	32	Min/Medium	150.00%
D-2	52	32	Medium	162.50%
D-3	53	32	Medium	162.50%
D-4	37	32	Med/Maximum	115.63%
D-5	14	32	Maximum	43.75%
D-6	50	32	Maximum	156.25%
Total	253	192		131.77%
Total Inmates in Pods		402	Capacity 192	114.86%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	4	2	6
Medical	13	2	15
Total	17	4	21

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	73	2	75	21.43	17.73%
TDOC	92	6	98	28.00%	23.17%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	20	53	73
Pre-Trial Felons	24	86	110
Sentenced Misdemeanants	3	32	35
Sentenced Felons	0	7	7
State Department of Corrections	6	92	98
Federal Inmates	2	73	75
House Other Agency	1	25	26
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	56	368	424

Security Class

Minimum	81
Medium	299
Maximum	28
Unclassified	16
Total	427

	Present	Capacity	%Full
Females:	56	64	87.50%
Males:	368	286	128.67%
Total:	454		

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males	Total
	0	32	32
Total:			