

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: July 8, 2026
Time: 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey
Members absent:
Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 393 Males: 321 Females: 72

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean. Dirt around the ceiling air vents, vents need to be scheduled for cleaning.

Showers: Both showers are clean. Ceiling air vents are blowing dirt & dust out into the shower area.

Cell #1 – Empty – Ceiling air vent has tissue paper stuck on it. Benches and commode has been cleaned, milk has been spilled on floor and entire floor needs to be swept and mopped.

Cell #2 – Empty – Dirty/used tissue is found in window sill, otherwise clean. Floor drain needs to be cleaned.

Cell #3 – Occupied - Cell is clean.

Cell #4 - Occupied - There is tissue paper on air vents but cell is otherwise clean.

Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) The car wash area is clean, supplies organized and stored. No vehicles were being washed at the time of this visit.

Cell #6 – Occupied – Cleaned except the commode and the floor needs to be mopped.

Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, neat and orderly.

Fingerprint area - clean and orderly.

Cell# 8- Occupied – Inmate having an episode. Could not inspect.

Cell #9 – Occupied – Ceiling air vent has tissue paper stuck on it. No maintenance issues noted.

Cell #10 – Virtual courtroom (Court is not in progress), room has been isolated due to broken water/pipe to the commode. Pipe is on order.

Cell #11 – Virtual courtroom & Lawyer/Client Interview Room. Not in use at the time of this visit. Floor drain and trap has foul odor coming from it. Needs to be flushed and cleaned.

ONGOING MAINTENANCE ISSUES:

***Stained and damaged ceiling tiles throughout the area need to be replaced.**

***Floor drains in most cells need to be flushed and cleaned.**

***Traps need to be cleaned throughout the intake area.**

***Ceiling air vents are blowing dirt/dust out. Air ducts need to be cleaned**

***Toilet tissue paper is thrown on the ceiling air vents to help minimize cold air blowing down on inmates, since some do not have blankets.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Not in use at the time of this visit. Is dirty. Everything needs to be cleaned. Sink, counter, floor needs to be mopped. Trash can is full. No maintenance issues noted.

Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room and needs to be cleaned and trash can needs to be emptied, floor needs to be mopped.

Pharmacy: Door is locked, did not inspect.

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

M-3 – Occupied – Tissue is on the air vent, walls have some dark matter on them, entire area needs to be cleaned and sanitized. Door needs to be cleaned inside and outside, and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-4 - Occupied, cell is clean. , except the door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-5 – Occupied, Multiple sandwiches and food items are on the floor, commode needs to be cleaned an a used disposable diaper is on the floor uncontained. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-6 –Occupied and is clean. The door and pie hole need to be pressure washed and cleaned.

M-7 –Occupied and is clean except a foul odor coming from cell. The door and pie hole need to be pressure washed and cleaned.

M-8 This cell is occupied and is crowded but neat. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-9 is occupied – Floor and area around commode needs to be cleaned. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-10–Is occupied and in good condition. The ceiling light cover needs to be cleaned or replaced. The door and pie hole need to be pressure washed and cleaned.

Staff Offices – Clean and organized

Shower – Not in use and is clean.

Hallway floors need to be cleaned, and trash cans need to be emptied.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES:

***Medical continues to be extremely cold and damp.**

***Air circulation needs to be improved through the entire section.**

***All the cell doors and pie holes need to be pressure washed and cleaned.**

Kitchen: Food storage area – needs additional shelving. Clean up was in progress. No maintenance issues noted during this visit and no issues or needs were registered.

Laundry: Clean- No laundry being done during this visit. No maintenance issues noted.

Library: Carts used for books are orderly (it is a shared space with equipment storage). It would be great to find a dedicated space.

Staff Offices are clean and organized.

C-1 Clean – dirt around ceiling air vents

C-2 Clean – dirt around ceiling air vents

C-3 Clean – dirt around ceiling air vents

C-4 Clean except showers.

C-5 Clean *crack in the wall, shower issue

C-6 Clean, no maintenance issues noted

C-7 Floor needs to be swept & vent in the shower is rusted.

C-16 **Stockroom:** This is where Pod Workers Outside Yard workers change. Area in need of general cleaning.

NOTE: Inmates report that there is some sort of fungus spreading throughout the pod. Several of the men have a terrible itching rash and feet and ankles are inflamed and purplish. They believe the issue to be in the showers. Inmates claims that medical is refusing cream. This is ongoing.

Outside Recreation Yard: No issues noted

Multipurpose Room: In use for court proceedings and appears to be neat. Floors need to be cleaned.

C-Pod Hallways: Clean and orderly.

Laundry Room: Clean, no maintenance issues noted.

NOTES:

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	29	32	Female Maximum	90.63%
C-2	38	32	Female Minimum	118.75%
C-3	9	16	Male Minimum	56.25%
C-4	30	24	Male Workers	125.00%
C-5	32	24	Male Minimum	133.33%
C-6	16	24	Special Maximum	66.67%
C-7	5	6	Isolation Maximum	83.33%
Total	159	158		100.63%

D-Pod: Hallway: Clean. Some missing several ceiling tiles throughout the hallway.*

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

D-1 Clean, Air vents have dirt/dust blowing out

D-3 Clean, same air vent issues

D-5 Clean, same air vent issues

D-2 Clean, same air vent issues

D-4 Clean, same air vent issues

D-6 Some trash on the floor, damaged ceiling tile, same air vent issues as other pods.

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Being used for virtual court proceedings. Carpet has been removed and stainless steel benches installed. Sound panels have also been installed to minimize echoing.

Recreation Yard: Some graffiti on the walls (won't completely wash off), no standing water issues noted. No maintenance issues noted.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Dirt is blowing into the pod is causing build up around air vents and could be contributing to upper the upper respiratory issues. The pod is in the same section as Medical and air issues are likely related.

NOTES:

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

****Jason Entienne (D-2), reported that he has been held for more than a year without being contacted by counsel or having his day in court. He is being housed by Blount County for Loudon County and has no direct information regarding his status or projected court dates. This is the fourth month he has reiterated his status or non-status.**

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	47	32	Min/Medium	146.88%
D-2	45	32	Medium	140.63%
D-3	41	32	Medium	128.13%
D-4	34	32	Med/Maximum	106.25%
D-5	23	32	Maximum	71.88%
D-6	23	32	Maximum	71.88%
Total	213	192		110.94%

Total Inmates in Pods: 372 Total Capacity in Pods 350 106.29%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	3	1	4
Medical	12	5	17
Total	15	6	21

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	92	15	107	30.57%	27.23%
TDOC	68	7	75	21.43%	19.08%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	24	47	71
Pre-Trial Felons	19	87	106
Sentenced Misdemeanants	7	13	20
Sentenced Felons	0	2	2
State Department of Corrections	7	68	75
Federal Inmates	15	92	107
House Other Agency	0	12	13
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>72</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>393</u>

Security Class

Minimum	100
Medium	266
Maximum	25
Unclassified	2
Total	<u>393</u>

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	72	64	112.50%
Males:	321	286	112.24%

Total: 393

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	1	35
Total:		<u>36</u>