

# Facility Inspection Report

## Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: June 4, 2025  
Time: 3:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

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Population: total: 367      Males: 307      Females: 60

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 shower stalls need to be cleaned. The floor, sink and commode need to be cleaned.

**\*Several ceiling tiles are badly stained, need to be replaced as schedule allows.**

Cell #1 – Empty, Cell has been cleaned but the floor needs to be mopped and tissue paper cleaned off of the ceiling air vents. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #2 – Occupied, trash is all over the benches and floor, and empty food trays on the floor. The floor drain needs to be cleaned out. Cell #3 – Occupied, and is clean. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #4- Occupied and is clean. Tissue is on the ceiling air vents. Floor drain needs to be cleaned out. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) The car wash bay is clean. No maintenance issues are noted. Cell #6- Empty and has been cleaned. 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- Empty and is in the process of being cleaned. Tissue paper is stuck to the ceiling air vents. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #9 – Occupied, trash is on the floor, commode and area around the commode needs to be cleaned and floor mopped. Floor drain needs to be cleaned out. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit), trash is on the floor and commode needs to be cleaned. 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 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 maintenance schedule for cleaning.**

**Medical:** Exam #1 – Empty and needs to be cleaned.

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

M-6 – Occupied and is draped. Could not inspect.

M-7 - Occupied and is clean except the floor needs to be mopped. No maintenance issues noted.  
M-8 - This cell is occupied and needs to be cleaned. The floors, commode and privacy curtain all need to be cleaned. The door and pie hole need to be cleaned.  
M-9 Occupied, the cell is overcrowded but is clean. Patient with oxygen concentrator is in this cell. 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 the shower curtain needs to be cleaned or replaced.

Nurses offices clean and organized. The office used for dental hygiene is locked, and did not get inspected.

**NOTE: \*\*Cold temperatures are 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. Still has not seen her attorney but understands she has been reset for later in the month.**

**\*Dentist has not been in facility for more than 4 months.**

**Officers offices, all are clean and organized.**

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. Area is clean and orderly.

**Library:** Orderly (it is a shared space with equipment storage). Could use a dedicated space.

**NOTE: Sprinkler system for the hot food prep area has been submitted in the 2025/2026 budget request.**

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| C-1 <u>Clean, (Female Pod)</u>   | C-2 <u>Clean, (Female Pod).</u>                 |
| C-3 <u>Clean, no maintenance issues</u>  | C-4 <u>Clean, dirt around ceiling air vents</u> |
| C-5 <u>Clean, dirt around ceiling air vents</u>  | C-6 <u>Clean, being painted.</u>                |
| C-7 <u>This area is maximum security.</u> All cells are occupied. The shower and floor needs to be cleaned and Mopped. |   |

The table has a large bare spot which was rusted through, (paint has been scratched off). Needs to Be sanded and painted.

\*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 cell blocks have noticeable dirt around the ceiling air vents.**

**C-16 Stockroom: Floor needs to be swept and mopped. No noticeable change in the wall cracks.**

**C-Pod Outside Recreation Yard:** Yard drains are open and the yard is clean except for graffiti is on the block walls. 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          | 31         | 32         | Female Minimum    | 96.88%        |
| C-3          | 6          | 16         | Male Minimum      | 37.50%        |
| C-4          | 19         | 24         | Male Workers      | 79.17%        |
| C-5          | 20         | 24         | Male Minimum      | 83.88%        |
| C-6          | 0          | 24         | Special Maximum   | 0%            |
| C-7          | 6          | 6          | Isolation Maximum | 100.00%       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>158</b> |                   | <b>65.19%</b> |

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**D-Pod: Hallway:** Clean and orderly.

**Officers Offices:** All are 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, Wi-Fi is not working.

D-3 Trash is on the floor, meds being dispensed

D-4 Cell is clean. No maintenance issues noted

D-5 Housekeeping is in good condition

D-6 Freshly painted and cleaned.

D-7 (Multi-purpose room). Needs to be cleaned and trash removed. Carpet needs to be cleaned and vacuumed.

**Inmate Complaints: \* Not enough Food, Ceiling air vents are dirty and blowing dirt into the atmosphere.**

**Inmate Christopher Wasden reported that he was “beaten” by arresting agencies, and that he had not been arraigned even though he had been processed in several days ago.**

Recreation Yard: Drains are open with no standing water issues. No maintenance issues noted.

**NOTES:**

**\*The Wi-Fi connectivity continues to be an issue for D-6 and D-2.**

**D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

|     | Present | Capacity | Designation | %Full   |
|-----|---------|----------|-------------|---------|
| D-1 | 47      | 32       | Min/Medium  | 146.88% |
| D-2 | 51      | 32       | Medium      | 150.00% |
| D-3 | 48      | 32       | Medium      | 140.63% |

|              |            |            |             |               |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| D-4          | 33         | 32         | Med/Maximum | 103.13%       |
| D-5          | 24         | 32         | Maximum     | 75.00%        |
| D-6          | 28         | 32         | Maximum     | 87.50%        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>189</b> | <b>192</b> |             | <b>98.44%</b> |

**Total Inmates in Pods: 334\_\_      Total Capacity in Pods 350      95.43% Full**

### **OTHER LOCATIONS**

|                 | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> | <b>Total</b> |                      |                   |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Intake          | 8           | 4             | 12           |                      |                   |
| Medical         | 17          | 4             | 21           |                      |                   |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>25</b>   | <b>8</b>      | <b>33</b>    |                      |                   |
| <b>TYPE</b>     | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>% of Capacity</b> | <b>% of Total</b> |
| Federal Inmates | 43          | 2             | 45           | 12.86%               | 11.81%            |
| TDOC            | 65          | 8             | 73           | 20.86%               | 19.89%            |

| <b>Inmate Population Logistics</b> | <b>Females</b>   | <b>Males</b>      | <b>Total</b>      |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Pre-Trial Misdemeanants            | 17               | 51                | 68                |
| Pre-Trial Felons                   | 25               | 112               | 137               |
| Sentenced Misdemeanants            | 6                | 19                | 25                |
| Sentenced Felons                   | 1                | 2                 | 3                 |
| State Department of Corrections    | 8                | 66                | 74                |
| Federal Inmates                    | 2                | 43                | 45                |
| House Other Agency                 | 1                | 15                | 16                |
| No Booking Type                    | 0                | 0                 | 0                 |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                      | <b><u>60</u></b> | <b><u>307</u></b> | <b><u>367</u></b> |

### **Security Class**

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Minimum</b>      | <b>93</b>         |
| <b>Medium</b>       | <b>233</b>        |
| <b>Maximum</b>      | <b>37</b>         |
| <b>Unclassified</b> | <b>5</b>          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b><u>368</u></b> |

|               | <b><u>Present</u></b> | <b><u>Capacity</u></b> | <b><u>%Full</u></b> |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Females:      | 60                    | 64                     | 93.75%              |
| Males:        | 307                   | 286                    | 107.34%             |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b><u>347</u></b>     |                        |                     |

### **Sex Offenders**

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Females       | Males     |
| 2             | 43        |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>45</b> |