

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Dec. 4, 2024

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Members present:

Members absent:

Sharon Hannum, Bob Ramsey, Keith McCord

Bob Ramsey

Others present:

Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 313

Males: 266

Females: 48

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 shower area is clean empty paper shower cups on the floor.

Cell#1 – Occupied, cell is clean except trash is on the floor and it needs to be mopped. No noticeable maintenance issues noted. Cell #2 – Occupied, cell has trash on the floor, the floor drain also needs to be cleaned out. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #3 – Empty and is not yet cleaned. No maintenance issues noted. Cell #4- Occupied, floor needs to be cleaned and tissue paper removed from ceiling air vent. No maintenance issues noted. 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 occupied, 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- Occupied and has been 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) needs to be swept. 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, floor needs to be swept and mopped. No maintenance issues noted.

Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room, counter and sink are dirty and floor needs to be swept. No maintenance issues noted.

Pharmacy: Locked, did not inspect.

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

M-3 – Occupied and is dirty. Food waste and Styrofoam containers thrown around the cell. 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 & air vent. Both are completely covered.

M-5 – Occupied, and is clean except the door and pie hole need to be cleaned.

M-6 –Occupied, and is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

M-7 - Occupied and cell is clean. No maintenance issues noted.

M-8 - This cell is occupied and clean. No hot water in this particular cell.

M-9 Occupied, The cell is occupied and clean. No maintenance issues noted.

M-10–Is occupied and clean. 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.**

***Dentist has not been in facility for more than a month.**

Classroom: Clean and orderly

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, air vents are dirty

C-6 Floor, air vents are dirty

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.

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.

Hot water has been restored, but some areas are experiencing issues.

Inmate Complaints: None***OVERCROWDING NOTES: C POD**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	18	32	Female Maximum	56.25%
C-2	23	32	Female Minimum	71.88%
C-3	6	16	Male Minimum	37.0%0
C-4	27	24	Male Workers	112.50%
C-5	23	24	Male Minimum	95.83%
C-6	19	24	Special Maximum	79.17%
C-7	6	6	Isolation Maximum	100.00%
Total	122	158		77.22%

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, air vents dirty

D-4 Cell is clean, air vents dirty

D-5 Clean, No maintenance issues__

D-6 Clean, No maintenance issues

D-7 (Multi-purpose room). In use at the time of this visit. Carpet needs to be vacuumed. *Could use some sound panels to help minimize echoing.

Inmate Complaints: Water is slow to heat up.

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	38	32	Medium	118.75%
D-3	24	32	Medium	75.00%
D-4	34	32	Med/Maximum	106.25%
D-5	0	32	Maximum	00.00%
D-6	31	32	Maximum	96.88%
Total	183	192		95.31%

Total Inmates in Pods: 284__ Total Capacity in Pods 350 81.14%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	10	1	11
Medical	13	5	18
Total	23	6	29

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	33	4	37	10.57%	11.82%
TDOC	46	4	50	14.29%	15.97%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	19	57	76
Pre-Trial Felons	19	111	130
Sentenced Misdemeanants	0	9	9
Sentenced Felons	2	3	5
State Department of Corrections	4	46	50
Federal Inmates	4	33	37
House Other Agency	0	7	7
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>48</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>314</u>

Security Class

Minimum	87
Medium	191
Maximum	29
Unclassified	7
Total	<u>314</u>

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	48	64	75.00%
Males:	266	286	93.01%
Total:		<u>314</u>	

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	4	39
Total:	43	