



Wisconsin Department of Corrections

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Office of Detention Facilities

Date: August 29, 2022

Sheriff Duane Waldera
Jackson County Sheriff's Department
30 N. 3rd Street
Black River Falls, WI 54615

RE: 2022 Annual Inspection

Facility Name: Jackson County Jail
Address: 30 N. 3rd Street
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Facility Type and Applicable Wisconsin Administrative Code:

- Juvenile Detention Facility (Chapter DOC 346)
- Secured Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (Chapter DOC 347)
- Huber Facility (Chapter DOC 348)
- Municipal Lockup Facility (Chapter DOC 349)
- Jail (Chapter DOC 350)

Date of Inspection: 07-19-2022 **Inspected By:** Brad Hoover

Inspection Process: The annual inspection of the facility was conducted pursuant to WI Statute 301.37(3). The inspection compared the facility and its operation to applicable state statutes and Department of Corrections administrative code. This inspection consisted of a tour of the facility to assess the safety, sanitation, adequacy, and fitness of the facility; dialogue with staff and inmates; and a review of facility records and documentation.

Approved Capacity Details

Maximum Rated Capacity	Population on the Day of Inspection	Is Facility Approved to Double Cell	Is Facility Approved to Hold Juveniles
60	32	Yes	No

Inspection Results:

The following codes were found not in compliance:

- **Administrative Code DOC 350.12(1) Sanitation and Hygiene**
On the day of inspection, several ceiling tiles in the main hallway were damaged and in need of replacement. Floor tiles throughout the facility are broken and in need of repair. The showers in the inmate bathrooms have rusted handrails and broken tiles.
- **Administrative Code DOC 350.20(2) Double Celling**
On the day of inspection, inmates of different classification were housed together in the same cell. This is a repeat violation from past inspections.

Inspection Comments:

As referenced in past inspections, the jail is old and antiquated, limiting the opportunity to provide programming and education, along with meeting safety and security expectations. The facility lacks the proper space needed for booking in new inmates, providing proper classification, and housing individuals on suicide watch, as there are only two receiving cells for the whole facility. On the day of inspection, it was noted that staff are mixing inmate classifications in both cells and dormitories due to lack of proper bed space. While conducting a walkthrough of the facility, it was noted that both receiving cells were occupied thus limiting staff's ability to properly manage inmates with special needs and to book new inmates into the jail.

Also, the medical room just off the booking area is very small, making it hard for medical staff to provide treatment and examinations while also having adequate space for administrative duties and properly securing confidential medical records. On the day of inspection, the medical room was congested, as it filled with various items due to the lack of storage in the facility.

An issue that was brought up during the inspection process by both staff and inmates is the lack of program space for the facility. Although the jail has a designated multi-purpose room, it is always in use for various circumstances making it hard for inmates to access the only kiosk in the jail and scheduled programming.

Another area of concern that was identified is that, due to the facility design, the staff lack the ability to properly quarantine inmates for COVID-19 protocols. When inmates are booked into the jail, they are immediately moved into general population due to the lack of cells in the facility. This is a concern moving forward as this puts both staff and inmates at risk for an outbreak.

Although most maintenance issues are addressed in a timely manner, it should be noted that the needs of the facility are more than general upkeep and an occasional issue. The facility is over 30 years old and, since it opened, Corrections has changed dramatically. There should be thought given to future needs of the facility when it comes to conditions of confinement, housing options for classification, programming, and efficiency.

I would like to thank Captain Rich and your staff for their cooperation during this inspection process. If you have any questions regarding this report or any other matter please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Hoover", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Brad Hoover, Inspector
Office of Detention Facilities

Cc: Kaylan Rich, Captain
Greg Bucholtz, ODF Director
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