

TEX COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS JS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility Name: Cherokee County Jail

Date: October 15, 2020

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	271	A (11)	<p>The status of inmates placed in administrative separation shall be reviewed and documented at least every 30 days for continuance of status.</p> <p>Assessments for inmate Amber Barrett, who is housed in administrative separation, exceeded the 30 day required reassessment by 1 to 6 days.</p>
2	271	B (2)	<p>Initial Custody Assessment. To be completed on all newly admitted inmates prior to housing assignments to determine custody levels.</p> <p>The initial assessment for inmate William Solis was not completed, but showed an assessment of 6 minimum. Staff was advised to complete a classification assessment for inmate Solis and upon completion, inmate was assessed as 3 medium.</p>
3	271	B (3)	<p>A custody reassessment shall be conducted within 30 - 90 days of the Initial Custody Assessment and immediately upon any disciplinary action and/or change in legal status</p> <p>Jail staff, on a consistant basis, are exceeding the 30-90 day required reassessment time-frame by 1 to 5 days.</p>
4	279	.3	<p>Facility Maintenance. Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.</p> <p>During the facility walk through, the following maintenance and sanitation items were noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tank 316 - mold in shower;Tank 328 - no water at dayroom sink, hot water pressure at bathroom sink low;Tank 329 - no water at the dayroom sink, mold in the showers and on shower curtains;Tank 333 - no hot water at the dayroom sink;E - no hot water at dayroom sink, cell 3 - mirror missing from wall, holes in the wall;F - cell 6 - intercom inoperable, cell 5 - intercom missing internal parts;G cell 1 - cell light is not working, cell 2 - cell light is not working;H - hot water at dayroom sink will not stay on, electrical cover missing from electrical outlet under the television, wiring is exposed and accessible to inmates;I - mold in the shower, smoke detector is broken (but operable);L - no hot water at dayroom sink;P - lights out in dayroom area;Q - light out in dayroom area, no hot water at dayroom sink, no water at bathroom sink;Kitchen - mold was visible on the walk in cooler door, food was stored on the floor in the walk-in cooler, food was stored on the floor of the walk-in freezer, floor of the walk-in cooler and freezer was observed to be dirty, food was stored on the floor of the dry storage area;Laundry - bedding was observed to be stored on the floor, trash and clothing were observed behind the washers and dryers.

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5 285 .1 Documentation of physical exercise and physical recreation shall be maintained for Commission review. Each inmate shall be allowed one hour of supervised physical exercise or physical recreation at least three days per week.

During the review it was noted that documentation provided failed to show that inmates are allowed one hour of supervised recreation at least three days per week.

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