

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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Moore

September 6, 2022

Honorable J.D. Rhoades
Moore County Judge
715 S. Dumas Ave., Rm. 202
Dumas, TX 79029

and

Sheriff Morgan Hightower
Moore County Sheriff's Office
700 S. Bliss
Dumas, TX 79029-4448

Dear Judge Rhoades and Sheriff Hightower,

Pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 511.011 and Title 37, Texas Administrative Code (Chapter 297, Section 5, Texas Minimum Jail Standards), you are hereby notified that the jail in your county fails to comply with minimum standards established under V.T.C.A. Local Government Code, Chapter 351, and the rules of this Commission, and that appropriate corrective measures must be initiated. A reasonable completion date for corrective measures should be set. Failure to initiate appropriate corrective action may cause a remedial order to be issued and enforced, or other appropriate action taken. **In accordance with Chapter 297, Section 6, Texas Minimum Jail Standards, please notify this agency in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice as to actions initiated.**

The attached page(s) indicate minimum standards violated, corrective measures required, and date by which corrective measures must be initiated. Please reference the Special Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Special Inspection Report issued on September 6, 2022, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Issued this 6th day of September 2022
Texas Commission on Jail Standards

By  _____
Brandon S. Wood, Executive Director

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

Wendy Wisneski

Wendy Wisneski, TCJS Inspector

Facility Name: Moore County Jail

Date: September 6, 2022

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Not applicable.
261	Existing Construction	Not applicable.
263	Life Safety	Not applicable.
265	Admission	Deficiency noted. Technical assistance provided - A review of video submitted after a custodial death revealed that observation rounds were not conducted as mandated by minimum jail standards. There were multiple hours where face-to-face observation of the inmate did not occur. Jail administration shall submit a corrective plan of action to this inspector, as well as to Inspector Jouett, within 30 days, which shall include some type of training for jail staff. Technical assistance provided - It was determined that inmates are 'moved' in the computer to show the inmate in a different location/cell than where the inmate is physically being held. In this specific instance, the inmate was 'moved' in the computer to a different cell; the cell he was actually housed in was noted to be 'empty' and observations rounds did not occur. This practice will cease immediately. Technical assistance provided - Video provided did not have a time/date stamp making it difficult to determine accurate times. It is recommended that facility administration determine the possibility of upgrading the video system to include a running time/date of video. If this is not fiscally feasible, clocks should be placed in areas in direct view of the cameras.
267	Release	Not applicable.
269	Records/Procedures	Not applicable.
271	Classification	Not applicable.
273	Health Services	Not applicable.
275	Supervision	Not applicable.
277	Personal Hygiene	Not applicable.
279	Sanitation	Not applicable.
281	Food Service	Not applicable.
283.1	Discipline	Not applicable.
283.3	Grievance	Not applicable.
285	Exercise	Not applicable.
287	Education/Library	Not applicable.
289	Work Assignments	Not applicable.
291.1	Telephone	Not applicable.
291.2	Correspondence	Not applicable.
291.3	Commissary	Not applicable.
291.4	Visitation	Not applicable.
291.5	Religious Practices	Not applicable.
xxx	Variances	Not applicable.
xxx	Remedial Orders	Not applicable.
xxx	Complaints	Not applicable.
xxx	CCQ	Not applicable.

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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE MOORE COUNTY JAIL

September 6, 2022

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on September 6, 2022, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
265.3	Inmates confined in holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes A review of video submitted after a custodial death revealed that while the inmate was in a holding cell, he was not observed multiple times over several hours prior to his death.	Upon receipt of this notice.

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To empower local government to provide safe, secure and suitable local jail facilities through proper rules and procedures while promoting innovative programs and ideas