

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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February 28, 2023

The Honorable Roger Miller
Coryell County Judge
800 E. Main St., Suite A
Gatesville, TX 76528

and

Sheriff Scott Williams
Coryell County Sheriff
510 Leon St.
Gatesville, TX 76528-2062

Dear Judge Miller and Sheriff Williams,

This notification replaces the one issued February 7th, 2023 and revises the areas of Technical Assistance.

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 Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on February 7, 2023 detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Issued this 28th day of February 2023
Texas Commission on Jail Standards

By 
Brandon S. Wood, Executive Director

BW/SR

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Coryell County Jail

Gatesville, Texas

February 7, 2023
Date(s) of Inspection

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INSPECTION REPORT

State Law requires periodic inspections of county jail facilities (VTCA, Local Government Code, Chapter 351, VTCA, Government Code, Chapter 511; Chapter 297.8, Texas Commission on Jail Standards).

The facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above, and it was determined that deficiencies exist. You are urged: (1) to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration; and (2) to promptly initiate and complete appropriate corrective measures. The Commission is available to discuss or assist you with the appropriate corrective measures required.

Failure to initiate and complete corrective measures following receipt of the Notice of Noncompliance may result in the issuance of a Remedial Order (Chapter 297.8, et seq.).

This facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above. There were no deficiencies noted and upon review of this report by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, a certificate of Compliance may be issued per the requirements of VTCA, Chapter 511 and Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

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Zachary Aguirre

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<i>Stephanie Reneau</i>	<u>2/28/2023</u>
Received by:	Date
<i>Richy Armstrong</i>	<u>2/9/2023</u>
Reviewed by:	Date

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cc: Judge
Sheriff

Individuals and/or entities regulated by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards shall direct all complaints regarding the commission procedures and functions to the Executive Director at: P.O. Box 12985 Austin, Texas 78711 (512) 463-5505 Fax (512) 463-3185 or at our agency website at www.tcjs.state.tx.us.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

Zachary Aguirre

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Facility **† Coryell County Jail**

Date: **February 7, 2023**

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Not applicable.
261	Existing Construction	Not applicable.
263	Life Safety	Not applicable.
265	Admission	Not applicable.
267	Release	Not applicable.
269	Records/Procedures	Not applicable.
271	Classification	Not applicable.
273	Health Services	Deficiency: During the investigation of complaint regarding inmate Justin Powers it was determined Coryell County Jail staff failed to maintain 15 minute observation checks on the inmate while placed in restraints. Coryell County Jail staff failed to document incident reports leading up to inmate placement in restraints and suicide watch. During review of restraint logs, it was determined that staff exceeded the 15 minute observation checks required by jail standards by 1 to 10 minutes on multiple occasions as well as up to 6 hours. Restraint logs were determined to be deficient in required details of types of observation checks that were performed. Multiple occasions of use of restraints lacked substantiation of incident reports. Technical assistance provided: Follow-up action required - Coryell County will conduct training with staff on the use of restraints and necessary documentation associated with utilizing the restraint log. Administration will provide documentation of use of restraint training and provide copies of restraint logs to complaint inspector Zachary Aguirre until further notice.
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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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL RE-INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Coryell County Jail

Date:

February 7, 2023

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	273	.6(3)(5)	<p>Restraints. Inmates exhibiting behavior indicating that they are a danger to themselves or others shall be managed in such a way as to minimize the threat of injury or harm. If restraints are determined to be necessary, they shall be used in a humane manner, only for the prevention of injury, and not as a punitive measure.</p> <p>(3) A documented observation of the inmate shall be conducted every 15 minutes, at a minimum. The observations should include an assessment of the security of the restraints and the circulation to the extremities. (5) Documentation of use of restraints shall include, but not be limited to the following: the events leading up to the need for restraints, the time the restraints were applied, the justification for their use, observations of the inmate's behavior and condition, the 15-minute checks and the time the restraints were removed.</p> <p>During review of restraint logs, it was determined that staff exceeded the 15 minute observation checks required by jail standards by 1 to 10 minutes on multiple occasions as well as up to 6 hours. Restraint logs were determined to be deficient in required details of types of observation checks that were performed. Multiple occasions of use of restraints lacked substantiation of incident reports.</p>



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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE CORYELL COUNTY JAIL

February 28, 2023

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on February 7, 2023, 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
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