## **TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS**

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## NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE CHEROKEE COUNTY JAIL

**April 4, 2023** 

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on March 29, 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
265.3	Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.	Upon receipt of this notice.
	Records reviewed revealed that staff routinely exceeded the required 30-minute observation time period.	
275.1	Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined.	Upon receipt of this notice.
	Records reviewed revealed that staff routinely exceeded the required 60 and 30 minute observation period.	
275.2	Personnel employed or appointed as jailers of county jails or personnel appointed, employed, or assigned to directly supervise jailers shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under the provisions of Part 7 of this title. Personnel employed or	Upon receipt of this notice.

Judge Bill Stoudt, Longview, Chair Dr. Esmaeil Porsa, M.D., Parker, Vice-Chair Ross Reyes, Melissa Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Lubbock Sheriff Raul "Pinky" Gonzales, Refugio Patricia M. Anthony, Garland Commissioner Ben Perry, Waco Duane Lock, Southlake Monica McBride, Alpine appointed as jailers or personnel appointed, employed, or assigned to directly supervise jailers at facilities operated under vendor contract with a county or city shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under the provisions of Part 7 of this title.

During the review of staff licensing, it was determined that ten staff members appointed as temporary jailers were not registered for a basic licensing course on or before the 90th day after appointment.