

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Brandon S. Wood



P.O. Box 12985
Austin, Texas 78711
Voice: (512) 463-5505
Fax: (512) 463-3185
<http://www.tcjs.state.tx.us>
info@tcjs.state.tx.us

NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE LIBERTY COUNTY JAIL

May 6, 2026

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on May 1, 2026, 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
259.157	Doors to single cells, multiple occupancy cells, dormitories, and day rooms shall be capable of being locked and unlocked individually by control means located remote from the cell area. Single cells with contiguous day room and separation cells which open directly on an exiting corridor are exempt from this requirement. All remote door controls shall be secure. Missing locks were observed in housing units A, B, C, D, N, P, and Q. All other areas have been replaced and are operable.	Upon receipt of this notice.
275.1	Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. 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. There shall be a two-way voice communication capability between inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs, and designated staff at all times. Closed circuit television may be used, but not in lieu of the required personal observation. Electronic sensors or cameras capable of recording the required personal observations of inmates in high-risk cells or groups of cells shall be installed no later than August 31, 2020. On housing units A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, two-way voice communication could not be achieved due to missing or inoperable intercoms.	Upon receipt of this notice.

Judge Bill Stoudt, Longview, Chair
Dr. Esmail 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

"The Commission on Jail Standards welcomes all suggestions and will promptly respond to all complaints directed against the agency or any facilities under its purview".

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

263.51

(a) General. Jails shall have a sufficient means of managing smoke from a fire to permit orderly movement of inmates from the area of a fire incident. Smoke management shall limit the exposure of staff to untenable conditions when responding to a fire emergency. The means of smoke management shall be a combination of compartmentation, control of smoke migration from the affected area, and means of removing smoke to the exterior of the building.

At the time of the Inspector the smoke management system was not operable. Liberty County is currently in contact with a vendor to repair or replace the system.

Upon receipt of this notice.

279.3

Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.

The inspector observed damaged or inoperable light fixtures in housing location currently not occupied by inmates.

Upon receipt of this notice.

279.3

Upon receipt of this notice.

279.1(1)

Upon receipt of this notice.

