

# STATE OF NEBRASKA

## JAIL STANDARDS INSPECTION REPORT

NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
JAIL STANDARDS DIVISION

**Facility Name:** Cherry County Justice Center

**Address:** 365 North Main, Suite 9, Valentine, Nebraska 69201

**Type of Facility:** Type III      **Facility Administrator:** Mark Adamson, Chair  
Krista Ostransky, Supervisor

**Date of Inspection:** 6/5/2015      **Inspected by:** Chris Harrifeld

Year facility was built: 2011      Any remodeling/construction since last inspection? No  
If yes, briefly describe:

<b>HOUSING:</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>		
Single occupancy cells:	16	0	Holding cells:	1
Multiple occupancy beds:	8	6	Detoxification cells:	2
Dormitory beds:	0	0	Segregation cells:	0
Work release beds:	0	0	Special purpose cells:	1
<b>Total number of beds:</b>	<b>30</b>			

<b>DATA IN LAST CALENDER YEAR:</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Statistics Year:</b>	<b>2014</b>
Suicides /Attempts:	0/0	Average daily population:	9.5
Inmate assaults-staff/inmates:	0/0	Average length of stay:	6.9 Days
Facility fires:	0	Longest stay:	N/A
In-custody deaths:	0	Total held:	118
Escapes/Attempts:	0/0		
Law suits pending:	0		

Does the facility hold for other jurisdictions? Yes  
If yes, Who? Thomas County

**FACILITY PERSONEL:**

	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Other administrative, program, or support staff:</b>	
Full-time officers:	2	4	Title:	Number:
Part-time officers:	3	1	Jail Lieutenant / Dispatch Supervisor	1
Officers working< 200 hrs/year:	1	0	Sergeants	2

**Total number of staff employed in the facility:** 14  
Notes:

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<b>CHAPTER 1 – STANDARDS FOR JAIL FACILITIES</b>					
1-0010	The jail administrator has developed and implemented written policies and procedures covering all aspects of Nebraska Minimum Standards.	X			The policy and procedures manual in service developed between in 2010 and 2012. Revisions have been made in 2015 to include transport and PREA policy.
<b>CHAPTER 2 – PERSONNEL</b>					
2-002	The facility has an organized training program that is planned and coordinated by a designated employee. Training is based on, and consistent with, the facility's written policies and procedures.				The Lt. Ostransky is coordinating the staff training program.
2-003	The facility administrator and employees who work in excess of 200 hours annually and are responsible for the security and supervision of inmates meet the following training requirements:	X			
2-003.01A	Inmate supervision, inmate security, inmate management and inmate rules, regulations and enforcement procedures;	X			
2.003.01B	Emergency procedures including fire evacuation;	X			
2-003.01C	Inmate admission, orientation, classification and release procedures;	X			
2-003.01D	Inmate mail, telephone, visiting, exercise, recreation, and library services;	X			
2-003.01E	Food service, inmate hygiene and laundry, facility sanitation and maintenance;	X			
2-003.01F	Inmate work release, educational release, religious and counseling programs;	X			
2-003.01G	Inmate medical and mental health services;	X			
2-003.02	Required staff have received a minimum of eighty (80) hours of initial training provided by the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center or an equivalent curriculum approved by the Board.	X			Five newly hired staff members will need to complete initial training.
2-003.04	Newly appointed facility administrators and employees have completed the initial training within the first year of employment.	X			
2-003.06	Any facility administrator or employee who has not been employed in a corrections or detention setting for more than two years shall have their prior initial training completion honored, but they must complete a refresher course approved by the Board. Any facility administrator or employee who has not been employed in a corrections or detention setting for more than ten years shall complete the initial training requirements anew.			X	
2-003.07	After the first year of employment, the administrator and employees have received a minimum of 18 hours of yearly in-service training.	X			This includes NIRMA on-line courses. The facility is recording training hours on calendar years.
2-003.09	All employees have successfully completed basic Red Cross First-Aid training or it's equivalent and training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation during the first 12	X			All staff are current on certification.

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months of employment. Certification or training in these areas is kept current.				
2-003.10 All facility employees authorized to use firearms have received training and are qualified in their use on at least an annual basis.			X	
2-003.11 All facility employees authorized to use chemical agents, other weapons, or mechanical restraints have received training in their handling and use.			X	Corrections staff do not use firearms or any other weapons.
2-003.12 All facility employees have received training in the performance of the facility's written emergency plans and in the use of emergency equipment on at least an annual basis.	X			Training is provided annually and on occasion includes the local fire department.
2-003.13 The facility maintains a complete and current record of all training received for each facility employee. Copies of any certificates issued are also maintained.	X			Training files were very well organized.
2-004.01 New employees meet the following requirements:	X			
2-004.01A A citizen of the United States;	X			
2-004.01B At least nineteen (19) years of age or older;	X			
2-004.01C Free of any convictions of crimes punishable by imprisonment in a state or federal penitentiary for a term of 1 year or more from which a pardon has not been received. At the time of employment, new employees are fingerprinted and their fingerprint cards are promptly submitted to the Nebraska State Patrol for a criminal history search;	X			
2-004.01D Graduated from high school or possess a certificate, which certifies an educational development of at least a high school graduation level.	X			
2-004.02 Around-the-clock supervision of inmates by trained facility employees is provided.	X			Dispatchers are used to supplement jail staff in meeting this standard.
2-004.02A Female employees provide around-the-clock supervision of all female inmates housed in the jail.	X			
2-004.02B The facility administrator insures that inmates are viewed personally by facility employees often enough to maintain their safekeeping, but in no event less than one time per hour and document it.	X			Cell checks are noted on daily logs.
2-004.02C Where audio or visual electronic surveillance is used, it should be located primarily in hallways, elevators, corridors, or at entrance and exit points of the security perimeter. Electronic surveillance shall not substitute for periodic personal observations by facility employees, as required in paragraph 004.02B.	X			
2-004.02D Where electronic surveillance does not provide adequate, continuous coverage, facility employees are stationed adjacent to inmate housing.	X			A housing unit control center serves as a fixed staff post and has dayroom surveillance capabilities.
2-005 All facility employees maintain a professional demeanor in their contacts with inmates and the public.	X			Staff was found to be professional and well prepared.

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<b>CHAPTER 3 - RECORDS AND STATISTICS</b>	X			The facility uses both computerized and hard document files to collect and maintain the required data.
3-001 The facility utilizes a computerized Jail Management System. The jail maintains accurate and up-to-date records and statistics as required by 3-002.				
3-002.01 Admission and release documentation shall be completed for each inmate. Computerized documentation shall be submitted to the Jail Standards Division according to Crime Commission specifications.	X			JAMIN is used to document the admission and release of detainees.
3-002.02 An itemized list of all property and money is completed for each inmate on admission.	X			Property and financial inventories are maintained in the inmate files.
3-002.02A An itemized account of every debit and credit for every inmate is maintained.	X			Account sheets are maintained in the inmate's file.
3-002.02B Every person depositing money in an inmate's account shall sign for and receive a receipt for such deposits.	X			Receipts are provided to all parties
3-002.02C The inmate's signature is obtained for all withdrawals of money from their account.	X			Inmate signatures are required on request and receipt of transaction.
3-002.03 A medical and mental health screening form is completed for each inmate upon admission. Accurate records of further health appraisal and medical attention received are kept.	X			Medical and mental health screenings are entered and maintained on JAMIN. A secondary hard copy is maintained in the inmate files.
3-002.04 Proper records of disciplinary actions, grievance decisions and incidents are maintained.	X			
3-002.05 A telephone log of initial calls upon admission is maintained.	X			Initial phone calls are documented in the inmates file.
3-002.06 A visitor's register containing the date, the name of each visitor, and name of each inmate to be visited is maintained.	X			Visitors register at the lobby which is managed by dispatch during business hours.
3-002.07 Accurate summary records are maintained of all food service.	X			Menu and food service is well documented on the daily log.
3-002.08 In detention facilities, diagnostic, criminal history or other information used in classification is maintained for each inmate.	X			
3-003 Inmates have access to accurate summary information kept in their personal records. Guidelines for disclosure of jail records are in accordance with the Nebraska Security, Privacy, and Dissemination of Criminal History Information Act of 1978.	X			
3-004 The jail administrator keeps official correspondence between the jail and personnel of the Board for a period of at least 1 year.	X			
3-005 All records containing information required by the Standards are kept for at least 5 years.	X			

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<b>CHAPTER 4 - ADMISSION AND RELEASE</b>	X			All detainees are photographed and fingerprinted during admission.
4-002.01 Upon admission, the booking officer ascertains the identity of the inmate and the identity of the arresting officer and verifies the legality of the admission. Inmate photographs are taken for identification purposes.				
4-002.01A The arresting officer is required to remain present during the admissions process until all pertinent information is recorded and the booking officer accepts custody of the inmate.	X			
4-002.01B Persons who are unconscious, seriously injured or those persons who appear to present a substantial risk of harm to another person or themselves within the near future are not admitted to the jail unless examined and approved for admission by a medical authority or licensed mental health authority.	X			This is determined as jail staff complete the JAMIN screening during the detainee admissions process.
4-002.02 An admission form is completed by trained jail employees on every inmate admitted.	X			
4-002.03 In accordance with Chapter 6-006, all inmates are searched upon admission.	X			
4-002.04 Each inmate's property and money that is not allowed into the jail is inventoried and stored until it is returned.	X			
4-002.04A,B Inmates verify the inventory list with their signature. If the inmate's signature is not obtained, it is witnessed and signed by a second person with reasons noted.	X			Inmates sign property inventory forms which are maintained in the inmate's jail file.
4-002.04D Newly admitted inmates are permitted to retain their prescription eyeglasses except where removal is necessary to protect the inmate or others from harm.	X			
4-002.05,A,B Newly admitted inmates are permitted to complete at least 2 local or collect long distance phone calls. One call is allowed to his/her legal representative during the admission process and another is allowed to his/her family or other party. A record is kept of the calls.	X			This is documented on Form E-4.
4-002.06 As soon as possible, but definitely within 24 hours, newly admitted inmates shower or bathe.	X			Each individual cell is equipped with a shower.
4-002.07 Inmates are screened and observed by trained jail employees upon admission to determine if immediate medical or mental health attention is required.	X			This screening is part of the admissions process and is maintained in the inmate files.
4-002.08 Newly admitted inmates are made aware of the jail rules, procedures, programs and the rights to which they are entitled.	X			Inmates are provided with an inmate handbook at booking.
4-003.01 The releasing officer verifies the identity of the inmates to be released and the authority of the release.	X			Digital photographs are maintained for identification purposes.
4-003.02 Upon release, the inmate's personal property is returned. The inmate signs a receipt for the property or a second person verifies the transaction with his signature and reasons noted. A copy of the receipt is given to the inmate at the time of the release.	X			Property documentation is maintained in the inmate files.

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<b>CHAPTER 5 - INMATE CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT</b>	X			Initial classification and housing assignments are completed by booking staff during admission using a six part scale.
5-002 A classification committee, board, or officer is designated. The classification process is initiated as soon as practical, not exceeding 15 consecutive days after admission (Type III jails).				
5-002.01 The classification committee, board, or officer conducts interviews and gathers sufficient information to determine the inmates' appropriate custody categories, housing assignments, and eligibility or interest for available jail programs or activities.	X			
5-002.02 The classification committee, board, or officer periodically reviews each inmate's custody status, housing assignment, or assignment to any programs or activities.	X			There are issues with line staff moving inmates without proper re-classification. See comments
5-002.03 <b>The basis and results of classification decisions shall be documented.</b>	X			
5-002.04 <b>There shall be a procedure for inmates to appeal classification decisions.</b>	X			
5-003.01A Females are housed separately from and out of sight of males.	X			
5-003.01B Persons under the age of 14 are not admitted to the jail except upon order of a judge; inmates under the age of sixteen are housed separately from and out of sight of inmates 16 or over.			X	Juveniles are not admitted unless charged with a felony in adult court.
5-003.01C Inmates who are intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled substance are housed separately from the general population.	X			Two detoxification cells are used to segregate intoxicated detainees.
<b>CHAPTER 6 - SECURITY AND CONTROL</b>	X			Formal inmate headcounts are conducted and recorded at 0700, 1200, 1700, 2200, and at lockdown.
6-002.01 An official count is taken and recorded 4 times daily, 2 counts are taken between 2400 and 1200 hours and 2 are taken between 1200 and 2400 hours <b>with no more than a six (6) hour interval between counts.</b>				
6-002.02 The assignment of inmates to safety cells, disciplinary isolation, or administrative segregation shall be approved by the facility administrator or administrator designee. If an inmate is placed in isolation, the following general conditions apply.	X			
6-002.02A Isolated inmates are not deprived of normal jail clothing, except as is necessary for their protection.	X			This deprivation is only done for detainees on suicide watch.
6-002.02B The facility administrator or administrator designee shall review the classification status of inmates in safety cells at least every twenty-four (24) hours.	X			
6-002.02C The facility administrator shall review the classification status of inmates in administrative segregation at least every thirty (30) days.	X			
6-002.02D No inmate is placed in disciplinary isolation for more than 15 consecutive days or more than 30 days out of any 45 day period, except in case of violence or	X			

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attempted violence committed against another person or property.				
6-002.03 <b>Inmates participating in work programs, except those on temporary release status, are supervised in keeping with their custody classification while outside the secure perimeter of the facility.</b>	X			
6-003.01 All perimeter security doors are kept locked at all times, except when used for supervised entrance or exit.	X			Perimeter doors are electronically controlled from master control.
6-003.02 All security equipment is inspected regularly.	X			
6-003.02A Employees inspect cells, cell doors, bars, windows, and doors leading into and out of housing areas daily to insure that all are in proper and safe working order.	X			Cell searches are also well documented.
6-003.02B Prior to assignment of an inmate to a housing unit, the jail administrator or proper employee insures that the unit is properly equipped and that the required equipment is in useable condition.	X			The facility is in excellent condition.
6-003.03 The jail administrator and all employees maintain proper levels of supervision. Employees take prompt action whenever any problems or disturbance arises.	X			
6-003.03A No employee strikes or lays hands on inmates except when it is necessary to prevent escape, injury to person or property, quell a disturbance, or in other execution of their duties.	X			Use of force is covered under section C-300 of the facility's SOP manual.
6-003.03B When inmates engage in a fight, employees separate the inmates at once, and restore order. Such incidents are documented and forwarded to the administrator for possible disciplinary action or further investigation.	X			
6-004 The jail has proper policies and procedures for handling of emergency situations.	X			
6-004.01 Emergency procedures and orders are made available to all employees. Such procedures are reviewed and updated periodically.	X			These are specified in sections C-900 through C-990 of the facility's SOP manual.
6-004.02 All employees are trained in the execution of emergency procedures.	X			Employees are trained annually.
6-004.03 The jail complies with the life safety codes established by the State Fire Marshal. Documentation of compliance is maintained by the jail administrator.	X			Facility was inspected on 4/22/15 by the State Fire Marshal's office and found to comply with life safety codes.
6-005 <b>The administrator insures the proper supervision of the jail arsenal, firearms, tools, restraint equipment and keys.</b>	X			
6-005.01 The jail arsenal is maintained in accordance with Standard 6-005.01A through 005.01D.			X	No firearms are stored inside the facility.
6-005.02 All jail keys not issued to employees are stored in a secure depository. Keys are issued from a central control area.	X			Keys not issued from employee to employee are secured in master control.
6-005.02A All keys are labeled to correspond with their respective locks. The identifying labels, the number of keys available for each lock, and the location of the locks are properly recorded. The issuance of keys to employees is documented.	X			Only secondary keys are used by staff as all security doors are controlled electronically.

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6-005.02B	Keys not issued to employees are stored in a manner that permits easy determination of the presence or absence of keys.	X			
6-005.02C	Fire and other emergency keys are readily accessible to the central control area to the designated employees on duty.	X			
6-005.02D	The loss or misplacement of jail keys is immediately reported to the administrator.	X			
6-005.02E	<b>Keys must be inventoried and logged once per shift.</b>	X			The facility has begun inventorying keys once per shift and documenting such inventories.
6-005.03	<b>Restraint equipment is used only as a precaution against escape during transfer or as prevention against inmate self-injury, injury to others or damage to property. Restraint equipment is applied only for the time absolutely necessary. The use of restraint equipment, other than for routine use during transfer, is approved by the supervisor on-duty and must be documented in report. Restraint equipment shall be inventoried at regular and routine ongoing intervals.</b>	X			The facility has begun inventorying restraints at least once per week and documenting such inventories.
6-005.04	<b>The facility shall have a tool control system, which includes the following provisions: All facility owned tools and other potentially dangerous equipment are securely stored in a locked area or outside the security perimeter. There is an accounting system to record the issuance and return of all facility owned tools and equipment. Facility employees carefully monitor the use of tools and equipment by maintenance and repair workers within the security perimeter to ensure none are left unattended, lost, or forgotten. Tools and equipment are used by inmates within security perimeter only under the direct supervision of facility employees. The loss or misplacement of tools or equipment is promptly reported to the facility administrator.</b>	X			The facility has begun inventorying and logging tools before they enter the secure jail perimeter.
6-006	<b>The jail's policies and procedures for pat searches, strip searches, and body cavity searches are consistent with Standards 6-006.01 through 6-006.04C4.</b>	X			Policies on pat and body cavity searches are consistent with these requirements.
6-006.05	<b>The facility has a facility search plan for the control of contraband which provides for unannounced and irregularly timed searches of cells, dayrooms and activity, work or other areas accessible to inmates.</b>	X			
<b>CHAPTER 7 - LIBRARY MATERIALS, EXERCISE AND RECREATION</b>		X			Access to library materials and recreation are outlined in section E-240 of the facility policies and procedures manual.
7-002	Library materials are available to all inmates housed in all detention facilities. (Type III jails)				
7-002.01A,B,C	Library materials include: current local newspaper, current daily paper, current magazines and a reasonable	X			

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selection of books.				
7-002.02 Library materials are available to inmates daily.	X			
7-003 The jail provides a recreational program, which includes both active physical exercise and passive recreational activities. <b>Exercise and recreation shall be available to inmates held for seven (7) consecutive days or more. (Type III jails)</b>	X			
7-003.01 Inmates have opportunities for active physical exercise at least 1 hour per day, 5 days per week outside their cells.	X			Detainee's access to the gymnasium is well documented.
7-003.02 Space in the jail is designated for inmate exercise. It is a secure area that is sufficient in size to allow the maximum number of users at any one time to participate in exercise activities and which is appropriate for the types of exercise activities offered.	X			
7-003.02A Rooms designated for indoor exercise are adequate in size to serve the maximum number of users at one time.	X			
7-003.02C Outdoor exercise areas comply with the requirements of Chapter 15-008.09.	X			Facility has an indoor/outdoor exercise area.
7-003.03 Enough equipment is provided to ensure that all inmates have the opportunity to participate in exercise activities during their designated exercise period.	X			Basketball equipment and a pull up bar are available.
7-003.04 The jail has an established exercise schedule with sufficient hours set aside weekly to meet the requirements of Chapter 7-003.01 above for all inmates in the jail.	X			
7-003.05 Provisions are made for passive recreational activities.	X			TV, card and games are made available.
<b>CHAPTER 8 - REHABILITATIVE SERVICES</b>	X			
8-002 - 002.02 Inmates are provided opportunities for personal counseling, social services available in the community, religious services and religious counseling (Type III jails).				Church services are available on a regular basis.
8-003 Inmates are provided opportunities for basic education at least up to high school equivalency (Type III jails).	X			GED services are provided through Mid Plains Community College.
8-003.02, 004.01 The jail follows the guidance of the judicial authority in the provision of education and work release for inmates (Type III jails).	X			The facility does operate a work release program.
8-004.03 Pre-trial detainees are not required to work in the jail nor on other public works projects, except that they are made responsible for their own personal housekeeping.	X			
8-004.04 Work programs involving inmate labor are not construed to be rehabilitation when an inmate requests other education, counseling, or training services.	x			No inmate work crews are coordinated for community works projects.

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<b>CHAPTER 9 - MAIL, VISITING &amp; TELEPHONE SERVICE</b>	X			Mail services are outlined in sections E-300 of the facility SOP manual.
9-002.01 <b>The length, source, or volume of mail an inmate may send or receive at his/her own expense, shall not be limited, except where there is clear and convincing evidence to justify the limitation for reasons of public safety, facility order, or security. Any restriction of mail will be documented.</b>				
9-002.02      Inmates are allowed to send or receive mail from any persons or organizations, except where there is clear and convincing evidence that justifies a restriction.	X			
9-002.03-002.03C      Inmates are allowed to send sealed, confidential mail to the following: their legal counsel, courts, elected officials, members of the confining authority, the State Ombudsman, and the Board. Incoming confidential mail from these persons or organizations is opened only in the presence of the inmate recipient. Confidential mail is not read. <b>Delivery of confidential mail shall be documented.</b> It may be inspected for contraband, money, etc.	X			
9-002.04A      Cash, checks or money orders are removed from incoming mail and <b>promptly credited to the inmate's account. Checks or money order received in incoming mail may be cashed and credited to the inmate's account.</b>	X			
9-002.04B      If contraband is discovered in either incoming or outgoing mail, it is removed, with that action and disposition being properly documented.	X			
9-002.04C      No disciplinary action is taken against an inmate because of the contents of his incoming mail unless it can be proven that he had prior knowledge of the contents.	X			
9-002.05 <b>Incoming or outgoing non-confidential mail may be perused to assure that a particular item or correspondence does not threaten the safety and security of the jail facility, any public official, any other person, or is being used in the furtherance of illegal activities.</b>	X			
9-002.05A      Objectionable portions of incoming or outgoing mail is not blacked out, removed, or otherwise changed. Correspondence is delivered unaltered or totally rejected.	X			Inmates are notified and items are placed in excess property.
9-002.05B      Rejected correspondence is returned to the sender or placed with the inmate's personal property. The sender is notified as to the reasons for the rejection and the action properly documented.	X			
9-002.06      Indigent inmates receive sufficient materials and postage for a reasonable amount of correspondence.	X			Indigent inmates are provided with 3 stamps per week.
9-002.07      Mail is delivered within twenty-four hours, excluding <b>weekends</b> and holidays.	X			
9-002.08 <b>The facility administrator may require books or magazines received by inmates through the mail are sent directly from the publisher or a mail order business.</b>	X			

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9-003.01	There are opportunities for inmate visitation with clergy, counselors, and legal representatives.	X		
9-003.01A	Clergy providing religious counseling, physicians, probation/parole officers, and mental health and addiction therapists are allowed to visit at any reasonable time for any reasonable length of time. Visits between inmates and visitors of the types identified herein are contact visits unless the inmate or visitor indicate otherwise or unless the jail administrator has reasonable grounds to believe a contact visit would present a threat to jail security. If a contact visit is denied on the basis of a threat to jail security, the reason is documented.	X		A confidential, contact visitation room, located inside the security perimeter is used for visits between detainees and various professionals.
9-003.01B	Attorneys or their legal assistants are allowed to visit their clients at any reasonable time for any reasonable length of time. However, in the event of an emergency, then they are allowed to visit their clients at any time. Unless otherwise indicated by the inmate or the visitor, all attorney-client visits are contact visits.	X		
9-003.01C	Contact visits between inmates and their attorneys or the attorneys' legal assistants, clergy, physicians, probation/parole officers, mental health and addition therapists are in a private area or room so as to allow for confidential communication among up to 4 people with adequate writing space. No physical barriers such as wire mesh, glazed barriers, or other physical obstructions are placed between inmates and any of the above specified visitors during contact visits. Such visits are not monitored, except that employees may visually observe the visitation through glazed observation panels or by means of closed circuit television as necessary to maintain appropriate levels of security.	X		Background checks are conducted on those wishing to have contact visitation with detainees.
9-003.01D	In all holding facilities, inmates are allowed personal visits at the discretion of the jail administrator.			X
9-003.02	Each inmate is allowed at least 2 personal visits per week. (Type III jails).	X		Visitation is outlined in section E-310 of the facility's SOP manual.
9-003.02A	No restrictions are placed on who may visit an inmate except that any person other than the inmate's spouse who is under the age of 18 may be denied visitation unless accompanied by their parent or guardian and any person who the jail administrator has reasonable grounds to believe presents a threat to jail security or order may be denied visitation.	X		The facility utilizes video visitation equipment for detainee's personal visits.
9-003.02B	Inmates are allowed at least 2 hours of visiting time each week in 2 or more visits. Visits are not limited to less than ½ hour.	X		
9-003.02C	Enough hours are set aside weekly to fulfill the visiting requirements of all inmates housed in the jail.	X		
9-003.03	All visitors are required to register their names and provide all other information required in the visitor's register.	X		Visitors register at the reception/dispatch station.
9-003.04	<b>For non-professional visits, visitors may be required to</b>	X		

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	submit to a pat search. If the visitor does not wish to submit to a search, the facility administrator may restrict the visit to a non-contact type.			
9-003.05	Inmates are allowed to accept from visitors only those items approved by the jail administrator.	X		
9-004.01	Inmates are allowed to make a reasonable number of outgoing telephone calls to legal representatives or to maintain family and community ties.	X		
9-004.02	Inmates shall be allowed to return verified emergency telephone calls within a reasonable amount of time.	X		
9-004.03	Telephone calls to or from legal counsel shall be of reasonable lengths of time and are not monitored.	X		
9-004.04	Telephone calls may be monitored and recorded if allowed by law. If calls are monitored or recorded, both parties shall be so notified.	X		
9-004.05	Telephone calls other than those to or from legal counsel may be limited or revoked as a disciplinary measure.	X		
9-004.06	The facility may require that any costs for telephone calls be borne by the inmate or the party called.	X		
<b>CHAPTER 10 - HEALTH SERVICES</b>		X		
10-001	All inmates are provided with a healthful environment and access to adequate medical care.			
10-002.01	No person other than medical authority shall diagnose any illness or injury, give treatment, or prescribe medication, except that in emergencies a qualified person administers first-aid.	X		
10-002.02	The jail administrator makes provisions for the daily collection and review of inmate medical complaints and to insure that each inmate is observed on a regular basis. If there are indications of illness or injury, the jail administrator insures that the proper medical attention is provided as soon as possible.	X		
10-002.03	All medication admitted into the jail is specifically approved by the jail administrator or a qualified medical employee.	X		
10-002.03A	Prescribed medicines are administered by the proper medical authority or by some member of the jail staff authorized to dispense medication.	X		
10-002.03B	Medicines are dispensed with strict adherence to the instructions and directions given by the medical authority prescribing the medication.	X		
10-002.03C	Prescribed drugs administered to an inmate are taken in view of the dispensing employee.	X		
10-002.03D	The utmost care is used in dispensing non-prescription medication.	X		Non-prescription medication is secured in a cart in the medical unit.
10-002.03E	There are established procedures & space for the storage and controlled administration of all medicines and drugs.	X		Prescription medication is maintained in the med cart located in the medical area.
10-002.03F	If the facility chooses to return for credit, relabel, or redispense any prescription drugs or devices, the facility			X

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				<b>administrator shall assure that policy addresses and reflects Standards 10-002.03F1 – 10-002.03F7.</b>
10-002.04	X			Standard first-aid supplies are available in the jail at all times. First-aid training and instruction is made available to all employees. First aid supplies are located in booking and dispatch.
10-002.05	X			Inmates are physically fit to perform the duties assigned. Inmates who have received medical attention by a <b>medical authority</b> or dentist are not permitted to work until approval is given by the attending medical authority or qualified medical employee.
10-002.06	X			The death of any inmate is reported immediately to the jail's medical authority, if such is retained, and to the coroner. The next of kin is notified immediately by the jail administrator in the event of a death or serious illness or injury of an inmate.
10-002.07	X			Any inmate known to be seriously ill or injured is examined by a <b>medical authority</b> , delivered to an emergency center, or the proper judicial authority is requested to release the inmate. The Cherry County Hospital is used for emergency medical care when necessary.
10-002.08	X			The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of medical and dental authorities are readily available to employees at all times.
10-002.09	X			Accurate summary information of all medical attention received, medications dispensed, and all other required information is recorded. Medical information is maintained in each inmate file.
10-002.10	X			An inmate may retain his own physician or dentist concerning his medical services.
10-003.	X			The jail maintains acceptable levels of sanitation and provides inmates access to proper hygienic materials and services.
10-003.01	X			The jail is maintained in a clean and healthful condition. Daily housekeeping duties and inspections are performed when the jail is occupied. All jail employees adhere to acceptable hygiene practice. The facility was observed to be very clean and orderly.
10-003.02	X			Preventative and eradication measures are taken to control vermin. Preventative measures are taken monthly.
10-003A	X			A hot shower or bath is provided daily.
10-003.03B,C,D	X			Toilet paper, soap and appropriate personal hygiene items for male and female inmates are provided. Inmates were witnessed to have appropriate hygiene items.
10-003.04	X			Inmates to be confined overnight are provided with a clean, firm, fire retardant mattress, a sheet or mattress cover, a clean bath-size towel, and sufficient clean blankets to provide comfort under jail temperature conditions.
10-003.4E	X			Clean bed linens are furnished at least once a week and blankets are laundered or dry cleaned at least every three months or more often if needed. Towels and washcloths are exchanged or cleaned at least weekly.
10-003.06	X			<b>All facilities should maintain compliance with standards set forth in the Prison Rape Elimination Act.</b> Facility has implemented PREA policy.

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<b>CHAPTER 11 - FOOD SERVICES</b>	X			The facility contracts with a private corporation for food services.
11-002 At least three meals, one of which is hot, is provided at regular times during each twenty-four hour period with no more than fifteen hours between the evening meal and breakfast.				
11-003 Meals are prepared with consideration for food flavor, texture, temperature, appearance and palatability.	X			
11-004 <b>The food service meets the dietary allowances as recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture.</b>	X			
11-005 <b>Menus and records of meals served shall be reviewed at least annually by a dietician or nutritionist to verify nutritional adequacy. The facility shall maintain documentation of the dietician's or nutritionist's review and verification. Subsequent menus shall be promptly revised to eliminate any deficiencies noted.</b>	X			Contract food service has menu reviewed by dietitian annually.
11-006 Special diets are provided when prescribed by the medical authority, or qualified medical employee.	X			Contract dietitians manage any medical or religious diets.
11-007 Provisions are made for special diets required by an inmate's religious beliefs where reasonably possible.	X			
11-008 Accurate summary records are maintained of the diet served to inmates.	X			
11-009 All meals are served under the direct supervision of jail employees.	X			
11-0010 Food is not withheld, nor the menu varied, as a disciplinary sanction.	X			
11-0011 The storage, preparation, and service of food are consistent with the Food Service Sanitation Manual issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration.	X			The kitchen is inspected and licensed by the State of Nebraska, Department of Agriculture, Dairies and Foods Division.
<b>CHAPTER 12 - INMATE RIGHTS</b>	X			
12-002.01 Inmates may circulate to be read by other inmates anything, which the Standards permit to be mailed or brought into the jail.				These are specified in section E-100 of the facility's SOP manual and are consistent with the requirements of these standards.
12-002.02 Inmates are allowed to write and circulate among other inmates anything, which does not present a threat to jail security and order.	X			
12-002.03 <b>Inmates shall be permitted to discuss any subject among themselves that does not present a threat to jail facility security and order.</b>	X			
12-002.04 <b>The right of inmates to circulate written material does not create a requirement for jail facility staff to assist them to do so.</b>	X			
12-002.05 <b>Foreign nationals shall have access to the diplomatic representative of their country of citizenship.</b>	X			
12-003 The facility administrator insures the right of inmates to practice and express their religious beliefs.	X			

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12-003.01	An inmate's free exercise of religion is subject only to those limitations necessary to maintain jail order and security.	X		
12-003.02	Inmates are not in any way rewarded or punished for their participation or non-participation in religious activities or practices.	X		
12-004	Inmates' rights to have access to the courts is insured and safeguarded by the jail administrator. Inmates have the right to present any issue to the courts, including, but not limited to, the following:	X		
12-004.01	Challenging the legality of their conviction of confinement.	X		
12-004.02	Seeking redress for illegal conditions or treatment while under correctional control.	X		
12-004.03	Pursuing remedies in connection with civil legal problems.	X		
12-004.04	Asserting against correctional or other governmental authority, any other rights protected by the Constitution, Nebraska Revised Statutes, or the Standards.	X		
12-005	The jail administrator insures and safeguards an inmate's right of access to legal representation.	X		
12-006	Inmates have access to or have the opportunity to purchase legal materials and supplies and services related to legal matters. Indigent inmates are provided sufficient materials and supplies needed for preparation of legal documents. In addition to other legal research materials purchased or received by inmates, the jail administrator insures that inmates have access to at least the following materials: (Type III jails)	X		
12-006.01	A leading law dictionary;	X		
12-006.02	Nebraska Revised Statutes;	X		
12-006.03	Rules of the United States District Court and the appropriate local district court having jurisdiction over the jail;	X		
12-006.04	A list of all legal representatives in the county; and			
12-006.05	A copy of the Nebraska Jail Standards.	X		
12-007	Inmates have access to media representatives through personal interviews, telephone interviews, or correspondence. (Type III jails)	X		
12-007.01	Inmates' access to the media is subject only to those limitations necessary to maintain jail order and security.	X		
12-007.02	Inmates' contact with the media representatives is considered confidential.	X		
12-007.03	Inmates are not subject to disciplinary action as a result of their contact with the media.	X		
<b>CHAPTER 13 - INMATE BEHAVIOR, DISCIPLINE AND GRIEVANCE</b>		X		Inmate behavior and the facility's disciplinary process is specified in the SOP manual and is consistent with these standards.
13-002	All inmates are required to conduct themselves in a lawful and orderly manner.			
13-002.02	Upon admission, the orientation process includes a	X		Upon intake inmates receive a jail

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listing of all prohibited acts, a range of possible sanctions, and the facility's disciplinary procedures. <span style="color: red;">Upon request written rules shall be made available to each inmate in the language he or she speaks.</span>				handbook.
13-003 The facility has a clear and concise disciplinary procedure governing inmate conduct.	X			
13-003.01A Disciplinary actions are used to regulate the inmate's behavior within acceptable limits. Each disciplinary sanction imposed is proportionate to the seriousness of the inmate's misconduct.	X			
13-003.01B The behavior of the inmates is controlled in a completely impartial and consistent manner.	X			
13-003.01C Records of all disciplinary actions taken are kept;	X			
13-003.01D The commission, or suspected commission, of an offense in violation of existing state or federal statute by an inmate is referred to the proper law enforcement agency, along with all pertinent evidence; and	X			
13-003.01E Inmates charged with major rule infractions may be held in administrative segregation or cell restriction prior to a hearing to ensure the safety of staff, inmates or the facility. The status of inmates held in pre-hearing segregation is reviewed by the facility administrator or designated facility employee(s) within 24 hours. Pre-hearing segregation does not exceed 96 hours excluding weekends and holidays.	X			
13-003.02A Minor matters of discipline, where no threat to life, security or property exists may be handled informally by a designated facility employee(s). The facility administrator or his/her designee reviews reports and approves any sanctions applied for minor misconduct.	X			
13-003.02B For minor violations, inmates are subject to:	X			
13-003.01B1 Reprimands;	X			
13-003.02B2 Temporary loss of one or more privileges;	X			
13-003.02B3 Restriction to a cell for up to ninety-six (96) hours; or	X			
13-003.02B4 Extra cleaning duties or work assignments for sentenced inmates.	X			
13-003.03 When an accused inmate could be subject to disciplinary sanctions for a major rule violation, the following provisions apply:	X			
13-003.03A The alleged violation is reported in writing to the administrator by the employee witnessing the incident or responsible for determining the relevant facts.	X			
13-003.03B Disciplinary reports prepared by staff members include:	X			
13-003.03B1 Specific rules allegedly violated;	X			
13-003.03B2 A formal statement of charges;	X			
13-003.03B3 Any unusual inmate behavior;	X			
13-003.03B4 Any staff witnesses;	X			
13-003.03B5 An explanation of the event including who was involved, what transpired, and the time and location of occurrence;	X			
13-003.03B6 Any physical evidence and its disposition;	X			

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13-003.03B7	Any immediate action taken, including the use of force;	X		
13-003.03B8	Reporting staff member's signature, date and time of report.	X		
13-003.03C	A written statement of the charges is delivered to the inmate at least 24 hours before any hearing is held unless the inmate signs a waiver to have the hearing sooner. The administrator may designate an employee, an impartial person or panel to conduct a disciplinary hearing if he/she chooses not to do so. If the charges are sustained, a sanction is imposed appropriate for the offense.	X		
13-003.03D	The accused inmate has an opportunity to appear before and address the disciplinary person or panel conducting the hearing unless he/she voluntarily waives in writing the right to attend or the inmate's behavior justifies exclusion from the hearing. The accused inmate may be excluded during the testimony of a witness whose testimony must be given in confidence. Reasons for the accused inmate's absence or exclusion is documented.	X		
13-003.03E	The disciplinary person or panel conducting the hearing may summon to testify any witnesses with relevant information of the incident. The accused inmate is allowed to call witnesses with relevant knowledge and present relevant documentary evidence in their own defense when permitting to do so will not be unduly hazardous to institutional safety or correctional goals. The disciplinary person or panel states its reasons in writing for refusing to hear a witness.	X		
13-003.03F	The accused inmate has an adequate opportunity to prepare a defense and, if requested, may be provided with a staff member or agency representative to assist him/her at a disciplinary hearing. A representative is appointed when it is apparent that an inmate is not capable of collecting and presenting evidence effectively on his or her own behalf.	X		
13-003.03G	If the charges are sustained, such findings are based upon information obtained through the hearing process. The person or panel makes a written statement of fact findings setting forth the evidence relied upon and the reasons for the disciplinary sanctions imposed. The accused inmate is given a copy of the written statement which includes the basis for the decision and the disciplinary sanction, if any, to be imposed.	X		
13-003.0H	The facility administrator or designee provides for review of all disciplinary hearings and dispositions to assure conformity with policy and regulations.	X		
13-003.04	Inmates found guilty of a major violation of the jail facility's rules may be subject to one (1) or more of the following sanctions:	X		
13-003.04A	Reprimand;	X		
13-003.04B	Temporary or permanent loss of one (1) or more privileges;	X		

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13-003.04C	Restriction to his or her cell;	X		
13-003.04D	Confinement to disciplinary segregation;	X		
13-003.04E	Restitution for wanton or willful destruction to facility property from any funds to his/her credit;	X		
13-003.04F	Reduction of good time credit, or	X		
13-003.04G	Extra cleaning duties or work assignments for sentenced inmates.	X		
13-004	<b>In all jail facilities, a written policy and procedure shall address grievance procedures.</b> This procedure shall be available to all inmates for the review and adjudication of grievances, consistent with the following principles:	X		The detainee grievance system is outlined in section E-130 of the facility's policy and procedures manual.
13-004.01	Any inmate is permitted to report and file a grievance.	X		
13-004.02	Grievances filed are transmitted without interference or delay to the facility administrator, designated employee or official charged with the authority to receive and investigate grievances.	X		
13-004.03	An inmate reporting a grievance is not subject to any disciplinary sanction or adverse action as a result of the filing of a grievance.	X		
13-004.04	Each grievance not obviously frivolous or trivial is promptly investigated. A summary report containing the results of the investigation and the recommendations is prepared for jail facility records and the concerned inmate or inmates.	X		
13-004.05	The inmate or inmates filing the grievance receive a prompt response from the appropriate authority. The response indicates what disposition will be made on the recommendations received.	X		
<b>CHAPTER 15 - NEW FACILITY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION</b>		X		
15-004	<b>Prior to needs assessment and program planning</b> for any renovation or development of new construction plans where the estimated aggregate cost of the renovation or construction exceeded \$5,000, the governing body submitted a letter of intent specifying the required information.			
15-005-005.01I	The Jail Standards Division <b>shall</b> receive reasonable advance notice and allowed to participate in preliminary planning meetings. The required program statement was submitted to the Jail Standards Division.	X		Jail standards staff attended all the necessary planning and design development meetings.
15-005.02-005.02C	<b>A copy of all architectural design documents shall be submitted to the Jail Standards Division for review and approval at the completion of schematic drawings, at 60% completion, and at the completion of working drawings. The Nebraska State Fire Marshal shall review as prescribed by the agency's rules.</b>	X		Final construction plans submitted August 3, 2009.
15-005.03	Contracts were not let until the Jail Standards Board approved the final documents. No addenda, change orders or modifications which affected compliance with the standards were made without approval of the Jail Standards Division <b>staff</b> .	X		The Jail Standards Board approved the final construction plans during a tele-conference meeting on August 28, 2009.

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15-006.01	Artificial lighting in all inmate living areas provides at least 20 foot candles of light and 50 foot candles in work or study areas measured three feet above the floor. Night lighting is provided which permits adequate visibility for supervision, but does not hinder restful sleep.	X			Artificial lighting appears more than adequate to meet the requirements of this standard.
15-006.02	All inmate living areas provide visual access to natural light.	X			
15-006.02A	In new construction there is a window in each cell which provides at least 3 square feet of clear glazed area to the exterior or cells open into a dayroom with windows which provide visual access to a clear glazed area to the exterior that is at least the equivalent of the amount required for all of the cells served by the dayroom.	X			Skylights sufficient in size are used in the dayrooms to provide the required natural light.
15-006.02B	In newly constructed dormitories with a capacity of 10 or less, there are windows which provide visual access to at least 10 square feet of clear glazed area to the exterior. In dormitories with a capacity of more than 10, the amount of clear glazed area is increased by at least 5 square feet for every 10 additional beds or fraction thereof.			X	Dormitory housing units were not incorporated into the design of this facility.
15-006.02D	In renovated facilities, all living areas provide visual access to natural light. Windows that have been replaced as part of the renovation meet the natural light requirements for new construction.			X	The entire facility is new construction.
15-006.02E	Windows in housing areas of higher than minimum security that are directly accessible to inmates are detention type which have a maximum of 5 inches clear opening between framing members. Glass and glazing materials and window framing have the proper security values for the area in which they are used. All window framing in secure areas is properly anchored in reinforced walls.	X			Skylights used are at roof level of the dayrooms and are not accessible to inmates.
15-006.03	Sustained noise levels within inmate occupied areas do not average higher than 70 decibels.	X			
15-006.04	Heating and cooling systems provide a comfortable and healthful living and working environment with temperatures maintained between 65 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit.	X			Temperature and ventilation was observed to be sufficient to meet the requirements of these standards.
15-006.05	Ventilation systems insure circulation of fresh or purified air sufficient to draw off foul air odors. The facility has minimum of 10 cubic feet per minute interchange rate for each inmate for the jail's rated capacity.	X			
15-006.06	Sufficient parking for visitors and official vehicles is provided on the site or through the availability of city street parking or public access parking lots located in the vicinity of the site.	X			Parking is available in 2 parking lots and 3 off-street parking areas.
15-006.07 - 006.07B	A public lobby or waiting area is provided which includes sufficient seating, toilets and drinking fountains. Public access to security and administrative work areas is restricted. All public areas of the facility	X			The public lobby is shared by a courtroom, the Sheriff's office and jail. Master control/dispatch will manage public access and business

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are accessible to handicapped persons.				after hours.
15-006.08 Sufficient space is available for administrative and clerical personnel.	X			Facility includes nine offices, a conference room and a staff locker room.
15-006.09-006.09I A reception and release area which is adequate in size and properly equipped to insure the orderly and secure admission and release of inmates is provided within the security perimeter away from the public, but apart from other inmate areas. It includes the required components.	X			Intake includes booking counter, report/interview room, staff restroom, pedestrian security vestibules, vehicular sally-port, clothing exchange/search room, property storage, janitor's closet, and medical exam area.
15-006.09I-006.09I2 Temporary holding cells are at least 50 square feet in size. If designed for multiple occupancy, they provide at least 25 square feet of floor space per inmate at rated capacity. They are equipped with sufficient benches for the cells rated capacity, a high security toilet, wash basin with hot and cold running water, and drinking fountain.	X			The temporary holding cell is approximately 130 square feet, it can hold up to 5 detainees and is properly equipped. The safety cell is approximately 104 square feet and observable from booking counter through security glass.
15-006.09J-006.009J3 Detoxification cells are provided that are at least 50 square feet in size. If designed for multiple occupancy, they provide at least 25 square feet of floor space per inmate at rated capacity. They are equipped with a high security toilet, washbasin with hot and cold running water, drinking fountain, flushable floor drain and low benches. They are readily observable by staff.	X			Two detoxification cells are approximately 75 square foot each, properly equipped and are observable to the booking counter through security glass. Each of these cells can hold up to 3 detainees.
15-006.10 Space is available for routine medical examinations, emergency first-aid, emergency equipment storage, and secure medicine storage and dispensing.	X			
15-006.11 The facility is designed to provide the required adequate separation of inmate classifications to be held in the jail	X			Six separate housing units are provided for both male and female inmates in maximum, medium and minimum security classifications.
15-006.12 Sufficient confidential interview rooms are available to accommodate the projected demand of professional visitors. Interview rooms are large enough to accommodate 4 persons and are acoustically private.	X			Contact visitation room is approximately 132 square feet and is adjacent to reception corridor.
15-006.13 Where in-house food services are provided, the kitchen has adequate space for food preparation, disposal, clean up and food storage. There is a place for the secure storage of knives and other utensils.	X			The kitchen appears more than adequate in size and equipment to prepare and serve meals at the rated capacity.
15-006.14 Newly constructed detention facilities have at least one secure janitor's closet containing a mop sink and sufficient space for storage of cleaning supplies and equipment within the security perimeter. Renovated or holding facilities have a janitor's closet that is conveniently located.	X			A janitor's closet is located between the booking area and the housing station.
15-006.15 In jails where in-house laundry services is provided there is sufficient space for heavy-duty or commercial type washer(s), dryer(s), soiled clothing storage, clean laundry storage and laundry supply storage.	X			Laundry room has storage, work stations and will be furnished with commercial grade washer and dryer.
15-006.16-006.16B There are one or more staff posts located in close proximity of inmate housing areas. At least one staff	X			Master control functions as one fixed staff post and will

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post is provided on each floor of inmate housing. In newly constructed detention facilities, one staff post is a control center. The control center is designed to be secure from unauthorized access. Entrances to the security perimeter is controlled from the control center. (15-006.16 through 15-006.16B)				accommodate dispatch, intermittent door control and reception. There is a housing control station with lines of sight into all dayrooms through security glass.
15-006.17 The security area of all jail facilities shall be equipped with an audio electronic surveillance and communication system. Closed circuit television is not used to monitor the interior of cell space.	X			CCTV is used to monitor dayrooms, entrances and corridors.
15-006.18 In newly constructed jail facilities, an emergency power source is available to provide electricity for entrance lighting, exit signs, circulation corridors, fire alarm, electrically operated locks and emergency ventilation equipment.	X			
15-006.19 Each housing unit provides access to at least 1 shower for every 12 inmates or fraction thereof. Showers provide hot and cold or tempered running water.	X			All cells are equipped with individual showers.
15-006.20 Inmate's rights to privacy from unauthorized or degrading observation is protected without compromising the security and control of the facility.	X			
15-006.21 Light, soft-toned washable paint is predominantly used for untiled walls and metal work.	X			The interior has been painted white and cream.
15-006.22 All locks and detention hardware have the proper security value for the areas in which they are used. Padlocks are not used in the place of a security lock on any door or window.	X			All locks are security grade and controlled electronically with key override.
<b>HOLDING FACILITIES</b>			X	
15-007.01-007.03 All cells are designed for single occupancy and provide at least 50 square feet of floor space. The cells have a minimum width of at least 6 feet and a minimum floor to ceiling height of 8 feet. The cells are equipped with at least a bunk, toilet, wash basin with hot and cold running water, drinking fountain and a mirror.				
<b>DETENTION FACILITIES</b>	X			
15-008.02 Single occupancy cells provide at least 60 square feet of floor space and are equipped with at least a toilet, mirror, wash basin with hot and cold running water, drinking fountain, table, seating, storage shelf of compartment, clothes hooks and a bunk.				The maximum security, swing and administrative segregation units provide 8 single occupancy cells measuring 69 square feet each. One cell has fixtures for handicap accessibility.
15-008.03 Multiple occupancy cells provide at least 45 square feet of floor space per inmate at the cells' rated capacity and are equipped with at least a bunk, storage shelf or compartment, and clothes hook for each inmate. A toilet, washbasin with hot and cold running water, drinking fountain, mirror, table, and seating are also provided.	X			Twelve multiple occupancy cells (2 person) in 3 units will provide general population housing. These cells are 90 square feet.
15-008.04-008.04B Dayroom space which provides a minimum of 35	X			Dayrooms average between 50 and

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square feet of floor space per inmate, exclusive of a 3 foot circulation area in front of cell door openings, is available adjacent to all single and multiple housing cells. Day rooms are equipped with showers and tables and seating sufficient for all inmates. If inmates do not have continuous access to their cells, day rooms are also equipped with a toilet and a wash basin with hot and cold running water.				60 sq. ft. of floor space per inmate.
15-008.05-008.05B Dormitory units provide a minimum of 70 square capacity, and sufficient tables and seating for all inmates at rated capacity. Dormitories are in minimum security areas only and they hold no more than 48 inmates.			X	No dormitory housing units were included in the design or construction of this facility.
15-008.06 Isolation or administrative segregation cells provide at least 70 square feet of floor space and are designed for single occupancy. They are equipped with a toilet, washbasin with hot and cold running water, drinking fountain, mirror, table and seating, shelf, and a bunk. Access to a dayroom, if available, provides at least 60 square feet of floor space.	X			Administrative segregation cells (in C and B units) are 69 square feet each, as they connect to a dayroom. They may also serve as classification housing for maximum security detainees.
15-008.07 Adequate space is provided for programs, exercise, and recreation. At least one multipurpose room is located near the inmate housing unit. The space available is sufficient to accommodate the projected jail capacity, exercise and program offerings, the maximum number of users at any one time, and the requirements of Chapter 7-003 and Chapter 8.	X			A library, a multi-purpose room and a contact visitation room function as program space.
15-008.08 Adequate visiting space is provided to accommodate the demand created by the projected number of visitors, visiting schedule and the requirements of Chapter 9-003. These areas may provide for contact, non-contact or <b>video visitation</b> . Non-contact visiting areas should consist of one or more visitation booths which provide complete separation of visitor and inmate. Each booth should provide telephone, seating and countertop space for both visitor and inmate. The vision panel between the visitor and inmate should be a high security glazing material that is sufficient in size to allow reasonable visibility. Privacy partitions should be provided between booths and sound absorbing materials should be utilized to reduce noise and provide privacy during visits. <b>Video visitation areas should consist of one or more visitation booths which provide visual and auditory contact between the visitor and the inmate. Privacy partitions should be provided and sound absorbing materials should be utilized to reduce noise and provide privacy during visits.</b>	X			The public visitation area and the housing units are equipped for video visitation.
15-008.09 Sufficient outdoor exercise space is provided to accommodate the projected capacity, the exercise functions for which the space will be utilized, the maximum number of users at any one time and the requirement of Chapter 7-003. At least one exercise area of not less than 600 square feet is provided.	X			The indoor gymnasium is approximately 650 square feet and has exterior-fresh air windows.

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## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

In 2011 the Cherry County Jail was removed from the oversight of the Sheriff and a separate board of corrections was created. Normally this action is reserved for counties with a population of 150,000 or greater per state statute 23-2802. Since the creation of the Cherry County Board of Corrections and the facility's opening in 2011 there have been four Jail Administrators or persons working in this capacity. This is extremely high turnover for a position of this type. Currently there is a Lieutenant supervising both dispatch and the jail.

The current jail administrator appears to be doing an excellent job, however, there are some issues that must be resolved that are affecting safety and security within the facility. Drug testing staff was implemented which is a pro-active action which would protect not only the safety and security of the staff and inmates but also protect the county from related liability issues. Since the practice of drug testing was implemented one staff member has fail and remains employed in the facility. Another staff member blatantly refused to take the test. In addition to the drug testing issues, line staff has moved inmates multiple times from one housing unit to another without either administrative approval or reclassification measures. Furthermore, there were reports of line staff leaving the facility during an emergency situation. These issues were addressed by the supervising lieutenant seeking disciplinary steps, but no discipline resulted for line staff. Incidents such as these undermine the ability of the jail's administrator to do their job and these incidents create incredible potential for liability related to safety and security.

It became apparent after interviews with the Sheriff and jail staff that there is no clear rank or command structure in place in the Corrections Department. This became even more apparent after reviewing documentation and personnel issues. In order for a facility to operate efficiently and safely there has to be a Jail Administrator in place with the authority and responsibility to act. This person must have the authority to make jail decision and properly supervise and discipline staff and they must be allowed to assume responsibility for what goes on in the jail. The fact that the administrator does not appear to have the power to discipline staff must be remedied.

In the years prior to the formation of the Cherry County Board of Corrections these issues did not exist. This Board needs to consider what factors are contributing to turnover in the administrator position and they need to fix these issues.

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