

# STATE OF NEBRASKA

## JAIL STANDARDS INSPECTION REPORT

NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
JAIL STANDARDS DIVISION

**Facility Name:** Jefferson County Jail

**Address:** 606 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fairbury, Nebraska 68352

**Type of Facility:** Type III      **Facility Administrator:** Sheriff Nels Sorenson

**Date of Inspection:** 8/18/2015      **Inspected by:** Chris Harrifeld

Year facility was built: 1978      Any remodeling/construction since last inspection? No  
If yes, briefly describe:

HOUSING:	Male	Female		
Single occupancy cells:	6	1	Holding cells:	1
Multiple occupancy beds:	0	4	Detoxification cells:	1
Dormitory beds:	6	0	Segregation cells:	0
Work release beds:	0	0	Special purpose cells:	1
<b>Total number of beds:</b>	<b>18</b>			

**DATA IN LAST CALENDER YEAR: 2014**      **Statistics Year: 2014**

Suicides /Attempts:	0/0	Average daily population:	15.7
Inmate assaults-staff/inmates:	1/0	Average length of stay:	15.7 days
Facility fires:	0	Longest stay:	
In-custody deaths:	1	Total held:	278
Escapes/Attempts:	0/0		
Law suits pending:	0		

Does the facility hold for other jurisdictions? Yes  
If yes, Who? Gage, Thayer and Nuckolls Counties

**FACILITY PERSONEL:**

	Male	Female	Other administrative, program, or support staff:	
Full-time officers:	1	6	Title:	Number:
Part-time officers:	0	0	Sheriff	1
Officers working < 200 hrs/year:	0	0	Deputies	8
			Admin. Assistant	1

**Total number of staff employed in the facility: 17**

Notes: In custody death was related to drug overdose prior to booking.

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Standard	Compliance Status			Comments
	In	Out	N/A	
<b>CHAPTER 1 – STANDARDS FOR JAIL FACILITIES</b>	X			The current facility policy and procedures manual was last revised and placed into service in 2007. They are currently being revised and will be supplied when completed.
1-0010 The jail administrator has developed and implemented written policies and procedures covering all aspects of Nebraska Minimum Standards.				
<b>CHAPTER 2 – PERSONNEL</b>	X			
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.				
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			Staff attends the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services training academy for 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			Staff average between 18.5 and 35 hours annually.

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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 months of employment. Certification or training in these areas is kept current.	X			All staff are currently certified through 2016.
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			Deputies are cross trained to work in the jail and are authorized and certified in the use of firearms.
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	Dispatcher/Jailers do not use any type of 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			
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 records were found to be excellent and readily available for the inspection.
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			
2-004.02A	Female employees provide around-the-clock supervision of all female inmates housed in the jail.	X			All dispatcher/jailers are female.
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 consistent and well documented using a computerized system.
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			A CCTV system is used to monitor key areas of the jail.  The facility has added cameras to visitation since last inspection.
2-004.02D	Where electronic surveillance does not provide adequate, continuous coverage, facility employees are stationed adjacent to inmate housing.	X			The dispatch is located adjacent to the main corridor to the housing units.
2-005	All facility employees maintain a professional demeanor in their contacts with inmates and the public.	X			All staff were found to be very professional and well trained.

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<b>CHAPTER 3 - RECORDS AND STATISTICS</b>	X			The facility collects and maintains the required data using both hard documents and computerized records.
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.	X			
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			The admission and release of detainees is documented using the JAMIN/VINE computers.
3-002.02 An itemized list of all property and money is completed for each inmate on admission.	X			
3-002.02A An itemized account of every debit and credit for every inmate is maintained.	X			Software from the Swanson Corporation is used for inmate funds management and commissary.
3-002.02B Every person depositing money in an inmate's account shall sign for and receive a receipt for such deposits.	X			There is a kiosk in the lobby for the public to make deposits.
3-002.02C The inmate's signature is obtained for all withdrawals of money from their account.	X			Inmates must sign for any withdrawal.
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 health screenings are 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 calls are documented on the booking form and JAMIN.
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 must register in the lobby area.
3-002.07 Accurate summary records are maintained of all food service.	X			Food services records are noted on the cell check logs noting meals served.
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			Admission and release procedures are covered under section B-100 and B-120 of the facilities policy and procedure manual. Digital photographs are maintained on each detainee for identification.
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.	X			Deputies assist with the admissions process of all detainees.
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			Medical fitness for confinement required for inmates that appear to be injured or a substantial risk.
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			
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			Secured in the inmate property lockers.
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			
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			Toll call telephones are located in the intake center and in the housing units.
4-002.06 As soon as possible, but definitely within 24 hours, newly admitted inmates shower or bathe.	X			All inmates are required to shower prior to entering housing. Showers are also available in housing units.
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			The medical screening instrument in the JAMIN computer is used during intake.
4-002.08 Newly admitted inmates are made aware of the jail rules, procedures, programs and the rights to which they are entitled.	X			
4-003.01 The releasing officer verifies the identity of the inmates to be released and the authority of the release.	X			
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	X			Property release documentation is maintained in the inmate files. Inmates with funds on the books are provided a debit card.

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inmate at the time of the release.				
<b>CHAPTER 5 - INMATE CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT</b>	X			
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			
5-002.03 The basis and results of classification decisions shall be documented.	X			
5-002.04 There shall be a procedure for inmates to appeal classification decisions.	X			This will need to be added into section C-100 of the SOP manual.
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 housed in Lancaster County's Juvenile facility or the NENJS facility in Madison.
5-003.01C Inmates who are intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled substance are housed separately from the general population.	X			Two single occupancy holding and detoxification cells adjacent to dispatch house intoxicated inmates.
<b>CHAPTER 6 - SECURITY AND CONTROL</b>	X			Counts are conducted with cell checks and inmate activities are noted.
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 with no more than a six (6) hour interval between counts.				
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			
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			

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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 attempted violence committed against another person or property.	X			
6-002.03	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.			X	The facility does not coordinate inmate work crews for public works projects.
6-003.01	All perimeter security doors are kept locked at all times, except when used for supervised entrance or exit.	X			Most jail doors are electronic and controlled by staff in dispatch.
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			
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 jail was observed to be maintained 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			Staff record their rounds and hourly cell checks with a hand held Guardian system. Inmate activities, medication distribution and other items are noted with cell checks.
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			
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 outlined in section 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 receive training 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 and found to comply with Life Safety Code on August 18, 2015.
6-005	The administrator insures the proper supervision of the jail arsenal, firearms, tools, restraint equipment and keys.	X			
6-005.01	The jail arsenal is maintained in accordance with Standard 6-005.01A through 005.01D.			X	Lockers are located outside the jail entrances for securing firearms.
6-005.02	All jail keys not issued to employees are stored in a secure depository. Keys are issued from a central control	X			

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area.					
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			
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	Keys must be inventoried and logged once per shift.	X			Keys are inventoried by staff at each shift change.
6-005.03	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.			X	Restraints are maintained in the sheriff's office not in the jail or dispatch area.
6-005.04	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.			X	Jail staff do not store or use tools in the jail.
6-006	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.	X			
6-006.05	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.	X			This is outlined in section C-500 of the facility's SOP manual.
<b>CHAPTER 7 - LIBRARY MATERIALS, EXERCISE AND RECREATION</b>		X			
7-002	Library materials are available to all inmates housed in				A large selection of library materials are available to inmates on-site and from the public library.

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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 selection of books.	X			The Lincoln, Beatrice and Fairbury newspapers are available along with Newsweek and Sports Illustrated.
7-002.02 Library materials are available to inmates daily.	X			Library is provided daily upon request.
7-003 The jail provides a recreational program, which includes both active physical exercise and passive recreational activities. Exercise and recreation shall be available to inmates held for seven (7) consecutive days or more. (Type III jails)	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			
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			A secure, indoor/outdoor exercise gymnasium is available for daily use.
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			A multi-station exercise machine is available in the gymnasium.
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			Television, cards and games are 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).				AA is offered and the local Ministerial Association organizes religious activities every Sunday or on request.
8-003 Inmates are provided opportunities for basic education at least up to high school equivalency (Type III jails).	X			Southeast Community College is utilized for GED programs.
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			
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	

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<b>CHAPTER 9 - MAIL, VISITING &amp; TELEPHONE SERVICE</b>	X			Mail procedures are covered in section E-300 of the SOP and are consistent with standards.
9-002.01 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.	X			
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. Delivery of confidential mail shall be documented. It may be inspected for contraband, money, etc.	X			
9-002.04A Cash, checks or money orders are removed from incoming mail and promptly credited to the inmate's account.	X			Funds are promptly added to the accounting system. Inmates receive receipts of deposit.
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 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.	X			If the facility administration chooses to read detainee mail, they will need to revise section E-300 of the facility SOP manual.
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			
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			
9-002.07 Mail is delivered within twenty-four hours, excluding weekends and holidays.	X			
9-002.08 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.	X			The facility requires that items be shipped directly from retailer or publisher.

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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		
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		The secure side of the visitation area is used for confidential, contact visitation with professionals.
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		
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		
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		

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9-003.03	All visitors are required to register their names and provide all other information required in the visitor's register.	X			Inmates are required to register in the lobby.
9-003.04	For non-professional visits, visitors may be required to 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.			X	The facility practice is to use secure, non-contact visitation booths for all detainee's personal visits.
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			Toll call telephones are located in the housing units and inmates can purchase calling cards.
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			Advanced Correctional Healthcare is contracted to manage the inmate health care program.
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			A nurse practitioner visits the jail four hours a week or as necessary to conduct routine sic-calls.
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			Medical requests are reviewed on a daily basis and referred to the contract medical authority.
10-002.03	All medication admitted into the jail is specifically approved by the jail administrator or a qualified medical employee.	X			The management of prescription medication is part of the contract with ACHC.
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			The administration of medication is well documented by jail staff.
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			

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10-002.03E	There are established procedures & space for the storage and controlled administration of all medicines and drugs.	X			Prescription and non-prescription medication is locked in the med cart and secured in the medical room.
10-002.03F	If the facility chooses to return for credit, relabel, or redispense any prescription drugs or devices, the facility administrator shall assure that policy addresses and reflects Standards 10-002.03F1 – 10-002.03F7.	X			This is managed according to policy (J-D-01) by the medical contractor and is consistent with the requirements of these standards.
10-002.04	Standard first-aid supplies are available in the jail at all times. First-aid training and instruction is made available to all employees.	X			First aid supplies are maintained in the medication cart.
10-002.05	Inmates are physically fit to perform the duties assigned. Inmates who have received medical attention by a medical authority or dentist are not permitted to work until approval is given by the attending medical authority or qualified medical employee.	X			
10-002.06	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.	X			
10-002.07	Any inmate known to be seriously ill or injured is examined by a medical authority, delivered to an emergency center, or the proper judicial authority is requested to release the inmate.	X			The Fairbury Clinic and the Jefferson Community Health Center are used for off-site inmate medical care and emergency services.
10-002.08	The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of medical and dental authorities are readily available to employees at all times.	X			
10-002.09	Accurate summary information of all medical attention received, medications dispensed, and all other required information is recorded.	X			
10-002.10	An inmate may retain his own physician or dentist concerning his medical services.	X			
10-003.	The jail maintains acceptable levels of sanitation and provides inmates access to proper hygienic materials and services.	X			The facility was found to be very clean.
10-003.01	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.	X			
10-003.02	Preventative and eradication measures are taken to control vermin.	X			
10-003A	A hot shower or bath is provided daily.	X			Showers are provided at intake and on the housing units.
10-003.03B,C,D	Toilet paper, soap and appropriate personal hygiene items for male and female inmates are provided.	X			Inmates were witnessed to have appropriate hygiene items.
10-003.04	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.	X			

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10-003.4E	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.	X		
10-003.06	All facilities should maintain compliance with standards set forth in the Prison Rape Elimination Act.			X Facility has adopted PREA policy.
<b>CHAPTER 11 - FOOD SERVICES</b>		X		
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		Meals appear to be excellent.
11-004	The food service meets the dietary allowances as recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture.	X		Menus appear to represent a well-balanced diet meeting dietary allowances.
11-005	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 dieticians or nutritionist's review and verification. Subsequent menus shall be promptly revised to eliminate any deficiencies noted.	X		The menu is currently being evaluated for nutritional adequacy.
11-006	Special diets are provided when prescribed by the medical authority, or qualified medical employee.	X		Facility works with medical on special diet needs.
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		Menus are maintained by kitchen staff with times and servings noted on the Guardian system.
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 was found to be very clean and orderly.
<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.			Inmate rights are detailed in section E-100 of the facility's policy and procedure 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	Inmates shall be permitted to discuss any subject among	X		

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				themselves that does not present a threat to jail facility security and order.
12-002.04	X			The right of inmates to circulate written material does not create a requirement for jail facility staff to assist them to do so.
12-002.05	X			Foreign nationals shall have access to the diplomatic representative of their country of citizenship. Inmates are allowed to contact their embassy.
12-003	X			The facility administrator insures the right of inmates to practice and express their religious beliefs.
12-003.01	X			An inmate's free exercise of religion is subject only to those limitations necessary to maintain jail order and security.
12-003.02	X			Inmates are not in any way rewarded or punished for their participation or non-participation in religious activities or practices.
12-004	X			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:
12-004.01	X			Challenging the legality of their conviction of confinement.
12-004.02	X			Seeking redress for illegal conditions or treatment while under correctional control.
12-004.03	X			Pursuing remedies in connection with civil legal problems.
12-004.04	X			Asserting against correctional or other governmental authority, any other rights protected by the Constitution, Nebraska Revised Statutes, or the Standards.
12-005	X			The jail administrator insures and safeguards an inmate's right of access to legal representation.
12-006	X			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)
12-006.01	X			A leading law dictionary;
12-006.02	X			Nebraska Revised Statutes;
12-006.03	X			Rules of the United States District Court and the appropriate local district court having jurisdiction over the jail;
12-006.04	X			A list of all legal representatives in the county; and
12-006.05	X			A copy of the Nebraska Jail Standards.
12-007	X			Inmates have access to media representatives through personal interviews, telephone interviews, or correspondence. (Type III jails)
12-007.01	X			Inmates' access to the media is subject only to those limitations necessary to maintain jail order and security.

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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			Section E-110 and E-120 of the policy manual outlines the disciplinary process 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 listing of all prohibited acts, a range of possible sanctions, and the facility's disciplinary procedures. Upon request written rules shall be made available to each inmate in the language he or she speaks.	X			Inmate handbooks are issued upon admission.
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			Inmates that present major disciplinary behavior are generally transferred to DEC or Saline County.
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	X			

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	administrator by the employee witnessing the incident or responsible for determining the relevant facts.			
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		
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	X		

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	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.						
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					
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	In all jail facilities, a written policy and procedure shall address grievance procedures. This procedure shall be available to all inmates for the review and adjudication of grievances, consistent with the following principles:	X					
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					Sheriff Sorenson investigates and responds to inmate grievances according to section E-130 of the Facility's SOP manual.
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					

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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