



**North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Division of Transitional Facilities
Office of Facility Inspections**

Facility	Cavalier County Jail
Facility Administrator	Greg Fetsch
Facility Compliance Percentage	100%
Facility Website Address	https://cavaliercountysheriffsoffice.us/
DOCR Inspector(s)	Lance Anderson, Robert Werlinger
Assigned Facility Grade	2
Maximum Rated Capacity	9
Current Inmate Count	2
Date of Inspection	February 12, 2019

The North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (“DOCR”) inspected the Cavalier County Jail on February 12, 2019. The inspection was made in accordance with N.D.C.C. §§ 12-44.1-24, 12-44.1-25, with the North Dakota Correctional Facility Standards revised June 2018, and the statutory requirements in N.D.C.C. Ch. 12-44.1.

The inspection of the facility was conducted by Lance Anderson, North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Correctional Director of Facility Inspections, and Robert Werlinger, North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Correctional Facility Inspector. The previous inspection of the facility was conducted on May 5, 2018.

REPORT SUMMARY

A. Facility Description

The Cavalier County Jail (CCJ) is a grade two correctional facility under N.D.C.C. - S.S.12-44.1-06 and is located at 901 3rd Street, Langdon, North Dakota. Cavalier County Jail is operated under the authority of the Sheriff, Greg Fetsch. Sheriff Greg Fetsch and the Cavalier County Jail are under the authority of the Cavalier County Commissioners. The facility was constructed in 1957 and renovated in 1984. The Cavalier County Jail and the Sheriff’s office are encompassed in a one level building. The control room is located within the facility with no direct line of sight into the housing units. CCJ physical plant consists of a small vehicle sally port, booking area, observation cells, administrative offices for the correctional staff and the sheriff department, small food prep area, laundry, property storage area, janitor closet, and restroom. CCJ does not have an indoor or outdoor recreation area. Lunch and supper meals are prepared and provided by the food service contractor. CCJ operational design concept is to receive unclassified individuals, hold pretrial and convicted persons up to 90 days, while allowing for processing, classifying and releasing individuals at all times. This facility has one single-occupancy cell and four double occupancy cells. Wash basins and toilets are included in every cell. CCJ has one large dayroom which has the basic furnishings, television, phone, and multi-purpose areas. The day room has

adequate and appropriate seating provided for inmates. The dayroom allows inmates to congregate, watch television, and have access to the inmate telephone system. CCJ has one phone located in the day room for inmate use. The living areas have access to natural lighting and illumination was sufficient for comfortable reading in the living areas. There are five safety/observation cells which are used temporarily for offenders during the booking process and those individuals who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, display violent behavior, self-harm, or inability to exercise self-control. The safety/observation cells are located near the booking officer duty station. However, the booking officer does not have a direct personal visual observation from the booking desk. All cells have cameras. The jail lobby is monitored twenty-four hours a day from the control center. This inspector could not find where electronic surveillance was a substitute for periodic personal observations by facility employees. CCJ has a sally port however, during this inspection, the sally port was being used for storage. The front entrance provides entrance and exit for transporting inmates and access for responding emergency personnel. CCJ uses a hand-held metal detector for any person entering the facility through the front entrance. The average length of stay is 1.37 days, thirty-two (32) male and six (6) female inmates were processed for the year 2018. CCJ has six (6) authorized staff consisting of; one (1) administration, five (5) correctional officers and maintains staffing levels of one staff to two (2) inmates at the time of inspection. At the time of inspection, CCJ had two offenders incarcerated. CCJ maintains a verbal agreement to house inmates from different jurisdiction including; Pembina and Walsh County.

B. Sanitation

The correctional facility inspectors found the level of sanitation and cleanliness to be acceptable throughout the facility. The correctional facility inspectors found that the offenders were provided with equipment and materials necessary to clean their assigned areas. The correctional facility inspectors found that waste and trash cans are emptied at least one occurrence every day and as often as necessary. For vermin or insects, CCJ uses the county resource for extermination. The correctional facility inspectors did not find any disagreeable odors in the facility, and the offenders had access to hot and cold running water. The physical plant was well maintained. Noise levels and temperatures were within the normal levels throughout the facility.

C. Examination of Policies and Records

Documentation reviewed includes: facility policies, procedures, forms, educational materials, grievances, training curriculum, employee training records, inmate booking files, inmate property receipt, organizational chart, posters, PREA brochures, PREA audit, inmate handbook, operation manuals, litigation, notice of claim, significant incidents, and materials that were provided to demonstrate compliance with the North Dakota Correctional Facility Standards. The correctional facility inspectors did not examine budgetary records or official findings aside from what was provided at the mentioned orientation session. The correctional facility inspectors had complete access to the facility.

Summary of Inspection Findings

Based on the inspection, interviews, and review of the documentation, the DOCR finds the Cavalier County Jail was in compliance with the North Dakota Correctional Facility Standards. During the inspection of the facility and the interim report writing and corrective action period, the DOCR inspectors were provided policy changes and informed CCJ implemented recommendations made during the inspection. Based on the Correctional Facility inspector's review, we have concluded that CCJ is in compliance.