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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
JOHN BALDWIN, DIRECTOR

March 29, 2012

Brian Schmidt, Chairperson
Clinton County Supervisors
P.O. Box 2957
Clinton, Iowa 52732-2957

Re: Clinton County Jail Inspection

Dear Chairperson Schmidt,

The Clinton County Jail was inspected on March 28, 2012 by the Iowa Department of Corrections, as required by Iowa Code Section 356, to ensure compliance with Chapter 201-50 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The inspection included an examination of staff training records, required documentation, prisoner files, jail policy and procedures and a tour of the jail. Please note the following Iowa Administrative Code sections, comments and recommendations for corrective action:

201—50.9(356,356A) Fire safety and emergency evacuation.

50.9(11) Mattresses. Only fire-resistant mattresses of a type that will not sustain a flame and certified by an independent testing laboratory and that meet the standards established by the state fire marshal shall be used in jails. Mattresses that are ripped, excessively cracked or which contain large holes shall be replaced. Pillows shall be replaced when torn or excessively cracked.

Comment: During the inspection of the Clinton County Jail, several mattresses were found to be in a deteriorated condition.

Corrective action: Please replace mattresses with a fire retardant material when they become cracked and show signs of excessive wear.

Additional comments:

The jail is clean, well-maintained and well-managed facility. However, this is an older facility that will require continued maintenance.

Staff is doing a very good job with a facility that does not meet current needs.

The mission of the Iowa Department of Corrections is:
To advance successful offender reentry to protect the public, staff and offenders from victimization.

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Major improvements include the refurbishing of the refrigerator and freezer, purchasing additional suicide smock and mattress, maintenance of the cell locks and a much improved hourly jail checks.

Upon completion of the above corrective actions, the Clinton County Jail will be in compliance with Chapter 201-50 of the Iowa Administrative Code.

I wish to thank Sheriff Rick Lincoln, Lt. Craig Eberhart, Sgt Joe Steffen, Maintenance Personnel Grant Henry, and the jail staff for their cooperation and assistance during the inspection.

Sincerely,
Delbert G. Longley
Chief Jail Inspector

cc: Sheriff
County Attorney
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