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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
JOHN R. BALDWIN, DIRECTOR

March 10, 2008

Grant Wilke, Chairperson
Clinton County Supervisors
P.O. Box 2957
Clinton, Iowa 52732-2957

Re: Clinton County Jail Inspection

Dear Chairperson Wilke:

The Clinton County Jail was inspected on March 5, 2008 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 actions:

IAC 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 the manufacturer and approved by the state fire marshal or qualified local fire prevention authority shall be used in jails. Mattresses that are ripped, excessively cracked or which contain large holes will be replaced. Pillows will be replaced when torn or excessively cracked.

Comment: Some mattresses are becoming cracked and ripped.

Corrective action: Please replace excessively cracked and ripped mattresses prior to the next inspection.

IAC 201-50.12(356,356A) Standard operating procedures manual. Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 356.5 and 356.36, each jail shall establish and the jail administrator shall ensure compliance with a standard operating procedures manual to include the following administrative rules: subrules 50.2(5), 50.2(6), 50.4(11), 50.9(3), 50.9(4), 50.10(1), 50.10(2), 50.10(3), 5-.11(1) and rules 50.13(356,356A) to 50.22(356,356A) as noted. The following standards do not require written policy: 50.13(2)"c"(3), 50.15(4), 50.16(4), and 50.16(8).

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Comment: A review of the Clinton County Jail Policy and Procedures shows that wording from the following sections of the administrative rules may need to be included in the jail policy and procedures manual:

IAC 201-50.10(3)	Conflict of interest, business transactions with prisoners
IAC 201-50.13(1)(g)	Housing for prisoners with disabilities
IAC 201-50.13(2)(a)(5)	Female staffing
IAC 201-50.13(2)(c)(4)	Prisoner rules to contain definition of contraband
IAC 201-50.13(2)(e)(2)	Security inspections
IAC 201-50.13(2)(e)(3)	Prisoner movement
IAC 201-50.13(2)(e)(4)	Incidents that threaten facility security
	Riots
	Disturbances
	Hunger strikes
	Hostage situations
	Escape attempts
	Medical emergencies
	Natural disasters
	Staff shortages
IAC 201-50.15(6)	Prisoner admission screening, Section d, mentally ill admissions
IAC 201-50.18(4)	Discrimination (Services and programs available for disabled)
IAC 201-50.19(1)(e)	Prisoner mail distribution
IAC 201-50.19(5)	Detaining non-U.S. citizens
IAC 201-21(4)	Description of disciplinary hearing process. Sections a, b, Subsections 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, and Section c.
IAC 201-50.22(14)	Incident reports
	(c) Inmate/inmate assaults and inmate/staff assaults
	(d) Escapes, fires, unusual incidents

IAC 201-50.4(356,356A) Physical plant-general.

50.4(4) Cells. Maximum security cells shall be equipped with tamper-resistant bunks, secured table(s) and seats(s), plus a toilet and washbasin recommended for jail or prison use. Cells shall have an adequate supply of both hot and cold water; mixing valves may be used. Housing areas of less secure design need not contain tamper-resistant fixtures.

Comment: Male cellblock 3 and 4 does not have an adequate cold water supply.

Corrective action: Please ensure adequate water supply is available at all times before these areas are utilized.

50.4(8) Storage.

b. Adequate storage space for prisoners' personal clothing and property shall be provided. Space provided shall be secure and the prisoner's name and identity shall be affixed to the storage space. Property shall be inventoried and accounted for pursuant to Iowa Code section 804.19.

Comment: The original storage area for prisoner property is inadequate and crowded.

Corrective actions: Please ensure adequate space is available for prisoner property storage.

Additional comments:

The jail is clean and well-managed. However, this is an older facility that will require continued maintenance to comply with jail standards. Rick Laurion, Facilities Maintenance, did accompany jail staff during the tour of the jail, which is an indication of the efforts to maintain the facility.

Major improvements include the movement of medication storage and the assignment of one officer per shift that is responsible for the dispensing of medication.

Jail staff is doing a good job in a facility that was not designed for current needs.

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 and the jail staff for their cooperation and assistance during the inspection.

Sincerely,
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Chief Jail Inspector

cc: Sheriff
County Attorney
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