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JOHN BALDWIN, DIRECTOR

March 27, 2014

John Staszewski, Chairman
Clinton County Supervisors
P.O. Box 2957
Clinton, Iowa 52732-2957

Re: Clinton County Jail Inspection

Dear Chairman Staszewski,

The Clinton County Jail was inspected on March 11, 2014 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:

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 seat(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.

50.4(5) Lighting. Lighting shall be a minimum of 20 candlepower at the table top for the purposes of reading and writing. Living areas shall be devoid of dark areas. Hallways, entrances and exits shall be sufficiently lit to observe a person entering or exiting. Light controls shall be out of the control of prisoners. Housing areas may be variably illuminated to allow sleep, but continuous observation of prisoners must be possible. All exits shall be equipped with independent emergency lighting sources.

Comment: Water pressure in some of the cells need to be adjusted and some of the lights in the indoor recreation are burned out.

Corrective action: Please ensure adequate water pressure is available and all the lights are working at all times to enhance living conditions and safety and security for the prisoners and staff.

Additional comments:

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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Clinton County Jail is an older facility that does not meet the current needs of the county, staff, or prisoners.

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

Major improvements include the renovation of the kitchen.

It is a pleasure to work with the professional staff of the Clinton County Jail.

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 Lt. Craig Eberhart, Sgt Joe Steffen, Maintenance Personnel Ed Rueter, 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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