Sufficient staff to include supervisors, jailers and other essential personnel as accepted by the Commission shall be provided to perform required functions. A plan concurred in by both commissioners’ court and sheriff’s office, which provides for adequate and reasonable staffing of a facility, may be submitted to the Commission for approval. This rule shall not preclude the Texas Commission on Jail Standards from requiring staffing in excess of minimum requirements when deemed necessary to provide a safe, suitable, and sanitary facility nor preclude submission of variance requests as provided by statute or Chapter 299 of this title.

Through staff interviews and an on-site inspection by this inspector, it was determined that the facility is not adequately staffed at all times to have a staff member in the kitchen during the preparation of meals. It was also determined that the jail administrator is listed on the schedule as a shift jailer. The jail administrator is unable to properly complete the functions of a supervisor.

Food shall be prepared under the supervision of a staff member or contract employee and shall be served only under the immediate supervision of a staff member. Care shall be taken that hot foods are served reasonably warm and that cold foods are served reasonably cold.

Through staff interviews and an on-site inspection by this inspector, it was determined that the food is not being prepared under the supervision of a staff member as required by minimum jail standards. The facility is not adequately staffed at all times to have a staff member in the kitchen during the preparation of meals.

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