New facilities, new additions, and major renovations to existing facilities shall be equipped with an emergency back-up electrical generator designed to operate both manually and automatically upon interruption of the primary electrical power source. The system shall be capable of operating uninterrupted for a minimum period of one and one half hours without refueling. Back-up electrical power shall be provided for necessary equipment and life safety systems including, but not limited to:

1. emergency illumination systems;
2. exit lights;
3. smoke management systems;
4. fire detection and alarm systems;
5. audible communication systems;
6. security/control systems;
7. normal ventilation systems required for smoke detection.

During the inspection, the smoke management system at the Smith County Jail failed to operate while under emergency power.

Inmate Property Checking. The receiving officer shall carefully record and store the inmate’s property as it is taken. A receipt signed by the receiving officer and the inmate shall be maintained in the inmate’s file.

During the review of inmate files, multiple property records were found to be blank and missing required signatures from the receiving officer and inmate.

A change of clothing shall be furnished at least once a week unless work, climatic conditions, illness, or other factors necessitate more frequent exchange to assure cleanliness.

During the inspection it was determined that inmates are not provided a change of clothing at least once a week.

Washable items such as sheets, towels, and mattress covers shall be exchanged for clean replacements at least once each week, or more often if necessary.

During the inspection it was determined that washable items are not exchanged for replacements at least once each week.

A written acknowledgment by the inmate that the rules have been explained shall be retained.

During the review of inmate files, multiple inmate rules acknowledgement forms were found to be blank and also missing inmate signatures.

Every facility shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for inmate grievance procedures.

During the review of inmate grievances, it was determined that inmate grievances are not handled in accordance with the approved grievance plan.