

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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Eastland

August 22, 2022

The Honorable Rex Fields  
Eastland County Judge  
100 West Main, Suite 203  
Eastland, TX 76448

and

Sheriff Jason Weger  
Eastland County Sheriff  
201 W. White  
Eastland, TX 76448-1893

Dear Judge Fields and Sheriff Roberts,

Pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 511.011 and Title 37, Texas Administrative Code (Chapter 297, Section 5, Texas Minimum Jail Standards), you are hereby notified that the jail in your county fails to comply with minimum standards established under V.T.C.A. Local Government Code, Chapter 351, and the rules of this Commission, and that appropriate corrective measures must be initiated. A reasonable completion date for corrective measures should be set. Failure to initiate appropriate corrective action may cause a remedial order to be issued and enforced, or other appropriate action taken. **In accordance with Chapter 297, Section 6, Texas Minimum Jail Standards, please notify this agency in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice as to actions initiated.**

The attached page(s) indicate minimum standards violated, corrective measures required, and date by which corrective measures must be initiated. Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on August 11, 2022, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Issued this 22nd day of August 2022  
Texas Commission on Jail Standards

By   
Brandon S. Wood, Executive Director

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Judge Bill Stoudt, Longview, Chair  
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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW



Michael L. Gravitt, TCJS Inspector

Facility Name: Eastland County Jail

Date: August 11, 2022

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Conducted a walk through inspection of the facility.
261	Existing Construction	Not applicable.
263	Life Safety	Inspected life safety equipment and conducted and observed emergency drill. Reviewed documentation. Conducted staff interviews.
265	Admission	Reviewed a random sample of 10 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy.
267	Release	Reviewed a random sample of 3 inmate files. Interviewed staff.
269	Records/Procedures	Reviewed policy and documentation. Interviewed staff and reviewed ADA compliance evaluation.
271	Classification	Reviewed a random selection of 10 inmate files. Reviewed staff training records. Reviewed internal classification audits. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff.
273	Health Services	Reviewed a random selection of 10 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Reviewed policy. <b>Deficiency noted, see report. Technical assistance provided - During the review of restraint logs, it was noted that observation checks of inmates restrained with the WRAP System were not conducted within the required 15 minute time window. Checks were conducted at 20 minute intervals per departmental policy. Issue was addressed with administration that observation checks of inmates restrained in the restraint chair or WRAP System are to be conducted at no later than 15 minute intervals. Follow-up action required - Administration will conduct documented training with staff on the use of restraint systems and requirements outlined in minimum standards on there use to include required 15 minute observation checks. Administration will conduct training with staff within the next 30 days and will scan and email documented training rosters to this inspector for review.</b>
275	Supervision	Reviewed random sample of 18 staff TCOLE certification records. Reviewed officer documentation. Interviewed staff.
277	Personal Hygiene	Conducted a facility walk through. Reviewed facility schedule.
279	Sanitation	Conducted a facility walk through. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy.
281	Food Service	Conducted walk through inspection in kitchen area. Interviewed staff. Reviewed documentation. <b>Technical assistance provided - Three new employees periodically working in the kitchen have not obtained a valid food handlers license. Issue was addressed with administration that staff supervising the preparation of food in the kitchen must possess a valid food handlers license. Follow-up action required - The three employees in question will obtain a valid food handlers license within the next 30 days. Administration will scan and email the food handlers licenses to this inspector once completed.</b>
283.1	Discipline	Reviewed 5 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Reviewed inmate rules.
283.3	Grievance	Reviewed 25 inmate grievance/complaints. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff and inmates.
285	Exercise	Walk through of exercise area conducted. Reviewed documentation. Interviewed staff and inmates.
287	Education/Library	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
289	Work Assignments	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.1	Telephone	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.2	Correspondence	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.3	Commissary	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates. <b>Technical assistance provided - Records show that Eastland County has not submitted a yearly commissary audit in accordance with Texas Government Code Sec. 511.016 to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. The last commissary audit that was received was in 2015. Issue was addressed with administration that a yearly audit of the jails commissary operations is to be conducted by the county auditor and submitted to TCJS not later than the 10th after completion of the audit. Follow-up action required - Eastland County will submit annual commissary audits to TCJS for years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 within the next 30 days.</b>
291.4	Visitation	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
291.5	Religious Practices	Reviewed policy and schedule. Interviewed staff and inmates.
xxx	Variances	Facility variance reviewed.
xxx	Remedial Orders	Not applicable.

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xxx	Complaints	Not applicable.
xxx	CCQ	CCQ standards are being met by the facility as required by TLETS.

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## NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE EASTLAND COUNTY JAIL

August 22, 2022

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Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
273.6(3)	<p>A documented observation of the inmate shall be conducted every 15 minutes, at a minimum. The observations should include an assessment of the security of the restraints and the circulation to the extremities.</p> <p><b>Observation checks of inmates restrained with the WRAP System are being conducted at 20 minute intervals.</b></p>	<b>Upon receipt of this notice.</b>

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