



Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Governor Tony Evers | Secretary Kevin A. Carr

Office of Detention Facilities

Date: September 20, 2023

Sheriff Dennis Stuart
Washburn County Sheriff's Department
421 US Hwy 63
Shell Lake, WI 54871

RE: 2023 Annual Inspection

Facility Name: Washburn County Jail
Address: 421 US Hwy 63
Shell Lake, WI 54871

Facility Type and Applicable Wisconsin Administrative Code:

- ☐ Juvenile Detention Facility (Chapter DOC 346)
- ☐ Secured Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (Chapter DOC 347)
- ☐ Huber Facility (Chapter DOC 348)
- ☐ Municipal Lockup Facility (Chapter DOC 349)
- ☒ Jail (Chapter DOC 350)

Date of Inspection: August 19, 2023 **Inspected By:** Brad Hoover

Inspection Process: The annual inspection of the facility was conducted pursuant to WI Statute 301.37(3). The inspection compared the facility and its operation to applicable state statutes and Department of Corrections administrative code. This inspection consisted of a tour of the facility to assess the safety, sanitation, adequacy, and fitness of the facility; dialogue with staff and inmates; and a review of facility records and documentation.

Approved Capacity Details

Maximum Rated Capacity	Population on the Day of Inspection	Is Facility Approved to Double Cell	Is Facility Approved to Hold Juveniles
30	16	No	No

Inspection Results:

- **Administrative Code DOC 350.06(6) *Physical Environment***

On the day of inspection, inmates of mixed classification were housed in the same dormitories. This is a repeat violation from last year.

Inspection Comments:

The facility issues that have been referenced past inspections still exist today. The county has moved forward with hiring an architect and construction management company for the design and development of a new jail to address the concerns regarding classification, programming and overall safety and efficiency. The county should be commended for taking action to address and correct these issues moving forward.

I would like to thank Captain Nielsen and your staff for their cooperation during this inspection process. If you have any questions regarding this report or any other matter please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Hoover", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brad Hoover, Inspector
Office of Detention Facilities

Cc: Gretchen Nielsen, Captain
Greg Bucholtz, ODF Director
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