

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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December 21, 2020

Sheriff Larry Webb  
Upshur County Sheriff's Office  
405 N. Titus  
Gilmer, TX 75644

Dear Sheriff Webb,


The Texas Commission on Jail Standards wishes to acknowledge the excellent work of the Upshur County Sheriff's Office with a Certificate of Compliance for the Upshur County Jail. The most recent inspection of your facility on December 17, 2020 by Texas Commission on Jail Standards Inspector Michael Gravitt has demonstrated that your facility is in compliance with Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

The Certificate of Compliance demonstrates your outstanding leadership and the diligent work of your staff in complying with minimum jail standards. In addition, this achievement is a direct result of your office's commitment to excellence and is an example of dedication and professionalism in maintaining a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.

Providing the essential budgetary support for jail operations is also imperative to achieving compliance, so let me also congratulate the Upshur County Commissioners' Court for their vital support of jail operations.

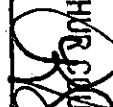
The citizens of Upshur County should be proud of your combined efforts, as is the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

Respectfully,

  
Brandon S. Wood  
Executive Director

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cc: Judge Todd Tefteller, Upshur County

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TEXAS COMMISSION JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTOR REQUIREMENTS REVIEW



Michael Gravitt, TCJS Inspector

Facility N: Upshur County Jail

Date: December 17, 2020

| Chapter | Title                 | Comments  |
|---------|-----------------------|---|
| 259     | New Construction      | Conducted a walk through 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 15 inmate files. Interviewed staff. Reviewed policy.  |
| 267     | Release               | Reviewed a random sample of 5 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 15 files. Reviewed training records.   |
| 273     | Health Services       | Reviewed a random selection of 15 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Reviewed                     |
| 275     | Supervision           | Reviewed a random selection of 28 jailers TCOLE certification records. Reviewed jailer 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.                                   |
| 283.1   | Discipline            | Reviewed 15 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Reviewed inmate                       |
| 283.3   | Grievance             | Reviewed 15 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.  |
| 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             | Not applicable.   |
| xxx     | Remedial Orders       | Not applicable.   |
| xxx     | Complaints            | Not applicable.   |
| xxx     | CCQ                   | CCQ inquiries are being submitted through TLETS as required.  |

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