

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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February 14, 2022

Sheriff Lewis Tatum  
Hopkins County Sheriff's Office  
298 Rosemont St.  
Sulphur Springs, TX 75482-2672

Dear Sheriff Lewis Tatum,


The Texas Commission on Jail Standards wishes to acknowledge the excellent work of the Hopkins County Sheriff's Office with a Certificate of Compliance for the Hopkins County Jail. The most recent inspection of your facility on February 8, 2022, 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 Hopkins County Commissioners' Court for their vital support of jail operations.

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

Sincerely,

  
Brandon S. Wood  
Executive Director

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cc: Judge Robert Newsom, Hopkins County

**\*\*Note:** Please be advised that one area of technical assistance was provided. The Requirements Review has been attached for your review to ensure that you are fully aware of the issue. Failure to address the technical assistance areas in a timely manner may result in the issuance of a notice of non-compliance.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

  
 Michael Gravitt, TCJS Inspector

Facility Name: Hopkins County Jail

Date: February 8, 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 18 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 18 inmate files. Reviewed staff training records. Reviewed internal classification audits. Reviewed policy. Interviewed staff.
273	Health Services	Reviewed a random selection of 18 files. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed training records. Reviewed policy.
275	Supervision	Reviewed a random sample of 33 officer TCOLE certification records. Reviewed officer documentation.
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 25 disciplinary hearing records. Interviewed staff and inmates. Reviewed policy. Reviewed inmate rules. <b>Technical assistance provided - During the review of disciplinary records, it was determined that on occasion, disciplinary restrictions leveled against inmates exceeded the sanctions allowable by one (1) day. For example, an inmate who received 5 days of disciplinary restriction served from January 9, 2022 to January 14, 2022 which is 6 days. It was determined that staff are likely just adding the sanction time to the beginning date and not physically calculating the sanction time, resulting in the extra day. Issue was addressed with administration who immediately took corrective action while this inspector was on site. Follow-up action required - Administration will scan and e-mail disciplinary wavier and hearing documentation to this inspector for review for the next 30 to 60 for review.</b>
283.3	Grievance	Reviewed 30 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	Reviewed variance.
xxx	Remedial Orders	Not applicable.
xxx	Complaints	Not applicable.
xxx	CCQ	CCQ inquiries are being submitted through TLETS as required.

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