



Facility Inspection Report Issued By The Minnesota Department of Corrections Pursuant to MN Statute 241.021, Subdivision 1

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INSPECTION DETAILS **Faribault County Jail** FOR:

Address: 320 Dr. H. Russ Street, Blue Earth, MN 56013

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Senior Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 02/04/2026

Inspection Method: Facility walk-through, staff and inmate interviews, staff and inmate file reviews, documentation and video review.

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Missy Sonnek

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Missy Sonnek

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Missy Sonnek; Sheriff Scott Adams; County Administrator Brian Hov

RULE COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Rule Chapter	Requirement Type	Total Applicable	Total Compliance	Total Non Compliance	Total Compliance With Recommendations	Compliance Rating	Substantial Compliance Result/Criteria
2911	Mandatory	121	119	2	0	98.35%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	96	96	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 04/01/2026 **Ends On:** 03/31/2028 **Facility Type:** Jail
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 03/31/2027
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Faribault County Sheriff's Office
Special Conditions:

Approved Capacity Details **Operational Capacity is calculated as a percent of Approved Capacity beds.*

Bed Type	Gender	Approved Capacity	Effective Date	%Operating Capacity	Operational Capacity	Bed Details	Conditions
Secure	Coed	62	10/29/2009	85	52.70	None.	None.

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance**Total: 2****1. 2911.2525 ADMISSIONS. Subpart 1. Policies and procedures.**

A facility shall have written policies and procedures for processing new inmates to the facility to include, at a minimum, the following: A. obtaining and documenting available emergency medical information within two hours of admission; B. verification of court commitment papers or other legal documentation of detention. Verification shall include checking the date of admission, duration of confinement, and specific charges; C. a search of the inmate and the inmate's possessions; D. inventory and storage of the inmate's personal property; E. initial medical screening to include an assessment of the inmate's health status, including any medical or mental health needs; F. telephone calls made by the inmate during the booking and admission process and prior to assignment to other housing areas; G. shower and hair cleansing; H. issue of bedding, clothing, and personal hygiene items according to the rule requirements applicable to the anticipated length of stay of the inmate; I. photographing and fingerprinting including notation of identifying marks or unusual characteristics such as birthmarks or tattoos; J. interviewing to obtain the following identifying data: (1) name and aliases of person; (2) current address, or last known address; (3) health insurance information; (4) gender; (5) age; (6) date of birth; (7) place of birth; (8) race; (9) present or last place of employment; (10) emergency contact including name, relation, address, and telephone number; and (11) additional information concerning special custody requirements or special needs; K. initial classification of the inmate and assignment to a housing unit; L. an assigned booking number; and M. Social Security number, driver's license number, or state identification number, if available.

Inspection Findings:

The facility is utilizing the approved mental health screening tool; however, a review of four inmate files identified that none of the screenings were scored and did not indicate whether the inmate met criteria for a mental health referral.

Corrective Actions:

All correctional staff shall be retrained on the completion and scoring of the approved mental health screening tool to include clear documentation of the referral process and submit documentation of the completed training to the DOC within 30-days of receipt of this report.

Response Needed By: 03/09/2026**2. 2911.3800 FOOD HANDLING PRACTICES.**

Food service shall be provided according to Minnesota Department of Health rules.

Inspection Findings:

The facility was unable to provide documentation that a health inspection was completed within the last 12 months.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall complete the required health inspection and submit to the DOC within 30-days of receipt of this report.

Response Needed By: 03/09/2026**INSPECTION COMMENTS**

The facility will remain on biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

On February 4, 2026, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act audit was conducted. The Faribault County Jail has received a "Rural Exception" to the JJDP Act. This allows the facility to hold a delinquent juvenile up to 24 hours, excluding weekends and holiday. The three core requirements reviewed in the audit are Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO), Removal of Juveniles for Adult Jail and Adult Lockups (Jail Removal), and Sight and Sound Separation.

According to the DOC Portal, the Faribault County Jail held or processed two juveniles from October 1, 2025, to February 4, 2026.

The findings are as follows:

DSO: No violations of the facility holding status offenders in the jail.

Jail Removal: DOC Portal data indicates that juveniles brought into the jail are removed within the 24-hour time frame allowed per the "Rural Exception."

Sight and Sound Separation: The facility design and policies allow for proper sight and sound separation. Faribault County has a completely separate juvenile holding area that has its own private entrance into the facility. Policies and the court schedule also indicate proper sight and sound separation are maintained.

The facility does not participate in any "Scared Straight" programs for any youth that are under public authority.

Court Holding: There is not secure court holding at Faribault County, juveniles are transported straight into the court room. Juvenile court times are separated from adults to assure proper sight and sound separation from adult inmates.

Based on the documentation reviewed, no violations of the JJDP Act were found during the Faribault County inspection.

Report completed By: Jen Pfeifer – Senior Detention Facility Inspector

Signature: _____

