INSPECTION DETAILS FOR: Martin County Jail

Address: 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Annual **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Senior Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 03/25/2026

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

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Tanya Rathman

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Tanya Rathman

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Tanya Rathman; Sheriff Jeff Markquart

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	126	124	2	0	98.41%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	102	101	1	0	99.02%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 05/01/2026 **Ends On:** 04/30/2027 **Facility Type:** Jail

Placed on Biennial Status: No **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:**

Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 6 hrs **Certificate Holder:** Martin 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	32	1/23/2002	80	25.60	None	

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance   Total: 2

1. 2911.6600 DELIVERY. Subpart 5. Recording deliveries.

A person responsible for delivering medications shall do so according to orders, and record the delivery of medications in a manner approved by the health care authority.

Inspection Findings:

A review of inmate medical records identified one inmate Medication Administration Record (MAR) that did not contain a record of delivery on 3/21/26. The facility identified the error prior to the inspection. The facility has an auditing process to ensure accurate accounting of medication deliveries.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall ensure that medication deliveries and refusals are documented in the MAR as required in this rule part. The inspector will continue to monitor through on-site visits.

Response Needed By:

2. 2911.6800 CONTROL. Subpart 2. Verifying prescription medications.

An inmate's own supply of prescription medication brought into the facility shall be verified prior to dispensing.

Inspection Findings:

A review of eight inmate medical files identified that medications brought into the facility were not being recorded as verified prior to dispensing.

Corrective Actions:

The facility has updated its policy and procedure and updated the inmate medication verification forms. The facility must train all correctional staff on the new policy and procedure and submit to the DOC within 30-days of receipt of this report.

Response Needed By: 05/01/2026

Chapter 2911 - Essential Rules Not In Compliance   Total: 1

1. 2911.1300 CUSTODY STAFF TRAINING.

A facility shall have a written policy and procedure that provides that all custody staff receive 120 hours of orientation and training during the first year of employment. Forty of these hours are completed prior to being independently assigned to a particular post. All persons in this category are given an additional 16 hours of training each subsequent year. At a minimum, training completed before independent assignment to a particular post shall include: A. security procedures; B. supervision of inmates; C. signs of suicide risk and suicide precautions; D. vulnerable inmates; E. response to resistance regulations and tactics; F. report writing; G. inmate rules and regulations; H. rights and responsibilities of inmates; I. fire and emergency procedures; J. key control; K. interpersonal relations and communication skills; L. diversity training; M. distribution of medications; N. right to know; and O. blood-borne pathogens and communicable diseases.

Inspection Findings:

A review of facility training records indicated that Correctional Officers did not receive training for (D) vulnerable inmates, (K) interpersonal relations and communication skills, and (L) diversity prior to being independently assigned.

Corrective Actions:

The facility added training for vulnerable inmates, interpersonal relations and communication skills and diversity to the training plan for all new Correctional Officers and submitted documentation of the training prior to this report being completed. There is no further corrective action required at this time. The inspector will continue to monitor.

Response Needed By:

INSPECTION COMMENTS

The facility has made substantial improvements to address the physical plant issues and enhance operations, despite the challenges posed by an aging physical plant.

While the physical plant continues to show signs of age, administration has proactively continued to address this by replacing outdated equipment and fixtures to mitigate further deterioration. The facility is well-maintained and currently does not present any immediate health or safety concerns related to the physical infrastructure.

Despite its overall maintenance, the facility’s physical layout continues to present operational challenges with narrow corridors and potential ligature points.

Should the physical plant experience further deterioration or health and safety concerns that cannot be resolved, the reclassification process may be revisited.

It is the recommendation that Martin County continue to explore long-term solutions for the future of the jail, whether through a major renovation or the construction of a new facility.

Due to physical plant concerns, the facility shall remain on an annual inspection status for continued monitoring.

JJDPA Compliance

Compliance Report for the Monitoring Facilities Pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002.

On March 24, 2026, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. A review of DOC portal indicated that one (1) juvenile was processed in the Martin County Jail from October 1, 2025, to March 24, 2026. The Martin County Jail has a 6-hour juvenile hold ability

The three core requirements that are reviewed are the Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO), Removal of Juveniles for Adult Jails and Adult Lockups (Jail Removal), and Sight and Sound separation.

Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO): No violations were determined for facility holding status offenders in the facility.

Jail Removal: No violations identified of the jail removal requirements.

Sight and Sound Separation: The conference room location allows for proper sight and sound separation from adults.

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

Based on the documentation reviewed, zero (0) violations of the JJDP Act were identified during the inspection of the Martin County Jail.

Report completed By: Jen Pfeifer – Senior Detention Facility Inspector **Signature:** Jennifer Pfeifer