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

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INSPECTION DETAILS FOR: **Nobles County Jail**

Address: 1530 Airport Road, SUITE 100, Worthington, MN 56187

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Senior Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 06/30/2026

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: Assistant Jail Administrator Aaron Ahlers; Jail Administrator Daniel Bosman

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Assistant Jail Administrator Aaron Ahlers; Jail Administrator Daniel Bosman; Sheriff Ryan Kruger

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Daniel Bosman; Sheriff Ryan Kruger

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	122	4	0	96.83%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	99	98	1	0	98.99%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 09/01/2026 **Ends On:** 08/31/2028 **Facility Type:** Jail

Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 08/31/2027

Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Nobles 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	88	8/22/2017	90	79.20	None.	

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance **Total: 4**

1. 2911.0300 INTENDED USE AND NONCONFORMANCE WITH RULES Subpart 2. Nonconformance, unsafe, unsanitary, or illegal conditions.

When conditions do not substantially conform or where specific conditions endanger the health, welfare, or safety of inmates or staff, the facility's use is restricted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 241.021, subdivision 1, or legal proceedings to condemn the facility will be initiated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 641.26 or 642.10.

Inspection Findings:

The plumbing in many areas of the facility is in need of repair. Water damage was found in multiple areas of the building. This creates a safety and security concern for both incarcerated individuals and staff.

Corrective Actions:

The facility is out of compliance with MN Chapter 2911.0300 due to ongoing plumbing deficiencies that have persisted since 2017 without adequate corrective action. The continued deterioration of the plumbing system has resulted in significant water intrusion and moisture damage throughout the housing areas. The extent of the water damage has caused deterioration of cell walls and other structural surfaces, creating conditions that are no longer consistent with acceptable facility maintenance standards.

Additionally, the shower doors have deteriorated significantly due to corrosion and rust. The metal has degraded to the point that incarcerated individuals are able to remove pieces of metal from the shower doors. This condition presents a serious and preventable safety and security risk to both incarcerated individuals and facility staff. The facility has been made aware of these concerns during previous inspections; however, sufficient corrective action has not been taken to permanently address the deficiencies.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this report, the facility shall submit a written comprehensive corrective action plan to the Department of Corrections. At a minimum, the plan shall include:

A detailed timeline for obtaining project estimates.
A timeline for presenting the project to the governing board or appropriate approving authority.
An anticipated date for board review and approval.
A projected timeline for the completion of all repairs or replacement of the affected plumbing infrastructure and shower areas.
Interim measures that will be implemented to protect the safety and security of staff and incarcerated individuals until permanent repairs are completed.

Because the deteriorated shower doors currently present a safety hazard, the corrective action plan must also identify immediate alternatives for the use of any shower(s) where the condition of the doors poses a risk. These alternatives shall ensure continued access to hygiene while eliminating the identified hazard until permanent repairs have been completed.

Once the Department of Corrections has reviewed and approved the corrective action plan, the facility shall adhere to the established timelines. Any anticipated delays or deviations from the approved plan must be submitted to the Department of Corrections in writing for review and approval prior to implementation.

Response Needed By: 08/10/2026

2. 2911.2525 ADMISSIONS. Subpart 4. Inmate personal property.

A facility shall have a written policy and procedure that: A. provides for the itemized inventory and secure storage of all personal property of a newly admitted inmate, including money and other valuables; B. specifies any personal property an inmate may retain in the inmate's possession; and C. provides that the inmate shall sign a receipt for all property held until release.

Inspection Findings:

A review of five inmate files found that one inmate property inventory sheet was not signed.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall ensure that all inmate property forms are signed. If the inmate refuses to sign the document, staff must document the refusal. The facility shall review all active inmate files to ensure each file has a signed property form. The inspector will continue to monitor for compliance through on site visits.

Response Needed By: 07/10/2026

3. 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) did not contain a record of delivery on 6/11/2026.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall ensure that medication deliveries and refusals are documented in the MAR as required in this rule part. The facility shall review all active inmate medical files to ensure all medication deliveries are recorded on the MAR's. The inspector will continue to monitor through on-site visits.

Response Needed By: 07/10/2026

4. 2911.6800 CONTROL. Subpart 1. Records.

Records of receipt, the quantity of the drugs, and the disposition of all prescription medications shall be maintained in detail to enable an accurate accounting.

Inspection Findings:

A review of stock medications found that one stock supply of prescription medication did not have matching records between the number of pills in the bottle and the number that was noted on the medication count record.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall ensure that medication counts are accurate. The facility shall audit all stock and currently prescribed medications once per month for a period of three months to ensure accurate accounting of medication. Documentation of those audits shall be submitted to the DOC on the 30th of every month beginning July 30, 2026.

Response Needed By: 07/30/2026

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 custody staff training records found that one correctional officer did not receive training in interpersonal relations and communication skills and diversity training prior to being independently assigned as required in this rule part.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall provide training in interpersonal relations and communication skills and diversity training to all custody staff who have not received the training and are independently assigned. Submit documentation of the training to the DOC within 15-days of receipt of this report.

Response Needed By: 07/27/2026

INSPECTION COMMENTS

241.021 4(f) The facility did not contact the prescribing doctor prior to stopping a medication that the inmate was taking prior to incarceration.

The facility will be moved from an annual inspection cycle to biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

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

On June 30th,2026, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. The Nobles County Jail has received a "Rural Exception" to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP). This allows the facility to hold a delinquent juvenile up to 24 hours, excluding weekends and holiday. There are three core requirements that are looked at during our facility review. Those core requirements 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 jail data, the Nobles County Jail held or processed 15 juveniles since October 1, 2025

DSO: There were no violations of the facility holding status offenders in the jail.

Jail Removal: Files and DOC Portal System data indicate that any juveniles brought into the jail are removed well 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. This includes the route taken to Court.

Court Holding: Nobles County no longer holds juveniles in the jail for court holding, they utilize the secure court holding next to the court rooms.

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

Based on the documentation reviewed, Nobles County had zero (0) violations of the JJDP Act.

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