



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:

Pipestone County Jail

Address: 416 S Hiawatha Avenue, PO BOX 129, Pipestone, MN 56164

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Senior Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 11/25/2025

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

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Tyler Rippentrop

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Tyler Rippentrop

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Tyler Rippentrop; Sheriff Keith Vreeman; County Administrator Steve Ewing

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	123	3	0	97.62%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	97	97	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 01/01/2026 **Ends On:** 12/31/2027 **Facility Type:** 90 Day Lockup
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 12/31/2026
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Pipestone County Sheriff's Department
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	19	5/6/2004	80	15.20	None.	

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance**Total: 3****1. 2911.2525 ADMISSIONS. Subpart 3. Orientation to rules and services.**

A facility shall develop a written policy and procedure that provides: A. a method for all newly admitted inmates to receive orientation information in a manner the inmates can understand; and B. documentation by a statement that is signed and dated by the inmate that the inmate completed orientation.

Inspection Findings:

The facility provides orientation by video to all inmates, however there was no documentation by a statement signed and dated by all inmates that they completed and understand orientation.

Corrective Actions:

The policy and procedure shall provide a method for all newly admitted inmates to receive orientation in a manner they can understand, and documentation that the inmates sign and date that they received and understand orientation. Submit the updated policy and procedure, and documentation form to the DOC within 15-days of receipt of this report. The inspector will continue to monitor for compliance.

Response Needed By: 12/24/2025**2. 2911.5000 POST ORDERS; FORMAL INMATE COUNT; WELL-BEING CHECKS. Subpart 4. Counting.**

A facility shall have a written policy describing the system of counting inmates. Formal counts shall be completed with an official entry made in the daily log at least once each eight hours. The facility shall maintain a system that identifies the whereabouts of all inmates in custody and includes a system of accountability for inmates approved for temporary absences from their assigned housing units. A written policy and procedure shall provide that staff regulate inmate movement.

Inspection Findings:

A review of documentation showed that formal counts on 9/28/25, 9/29/25, 9/30/25, 10/4/25, 10/12/25, 4/22/25, and 4/30/25 were completed past the 8-hour time frame required in the rule.

Corrective Actions:

The facility was cited for this violation during the last biennial inspection and completed the required corrective action. The facility shall submit documentation of completed formal counts at the request of the inspector for a period of 3 months. The inspector will continue to monitor for compliance.

Response Needed By: 12/24/2025**3. 2911.5300 SEARCHES, SHAKEDOWNS, AND CONTRABAND CONTROL. Subpart 4. Daily inspections.**

A facility shall be inspected at least daily for contraband, evidence of breaches in security, and inoperable security equipment, and shall document the inspection.

Inspection Findings:

The facility was unable to provide documentation of daily inspections and was unable to verify that they are being completed.

Corrective Actions:

The facility was cited for this violation during the last biennial inspection and completed the required corrective action, however daily inspections for contraband, evidence in breaches of security, and inoperable security equipment are not being completed. The facility shall submit documentation of the completed daily inspections to the inspector upon request for a period of three months. The inspector will continue to monitor for compliance.

Response Needed By: 12/24/2025

INSPECTION COMMENTS

The facility is not providing the notice of restoration of right to vote or the required application upon release per Minnesota Statute 243.205 Subd. 2. The facility shall immediately begin providing this notice as required. The inspector will continue to monitor for compliance.

The facility will remain on biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

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

On November 25, 2025, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. The Pipestone 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 holidays. The three core requirements that are looked at during our facility review include 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 Pipestone County Jail held or processed ZERO (0) juveniles for the federal fiscal year. The findings are as follows:

DSO: No violations for the DSO standard were found. The Pipestone County Sheriff's Office has an unsecure area to hold juvenile status offenders.

Jail Removal: Files and the DOC Portal system data indicate that any child 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. There is a cell that is located separately from all other cells that would be appropriate for sight and sound separation from adults. 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 - Pipestone County Jail has one court holding area that is located in the same building as the jail and it is secure. It is a monitored room that is staffed at all times when a juvenile is present. There is never a child and adult in that room together to ensure sight and sound separation. *The court holding has been changed from nonsecure to secure due to safety issues.

Based on the documentation reviewed, there were zero (0) JJDPA Compliance violations for the Pipestone County Jail audit for 2025.

Report completed By: Jen Pfeifer – Senior Detention Facility Inspector

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