

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:

Renville County Jail

Address: 500 E DePue Avenue, Olivia, MN 56277

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial Inspected By: Jake Nelson – Senior Detention Facility Inspector Inspected on: 08/13/2025

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 Ned Wohlman

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Ned Wohlman

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Ned Wohlman; Sheriff Scott Hable; County Administrator Lisa Herges; Regional Manager Dayna Burmeister

RULE COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Rule Chapter	Requirement Type	Total Applicable	Total Compliance		Total Compliance With Recommendations	Compliance Rating	Substantial Compliance Result/Criteria
2911	Mandatory	126	121	5	0	96.03%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	101	101	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval Begins On: 09/01/2025 Ends On: 08/31/2027 Facility Type: Jail

Placed on Biennial Status: Yes Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On: 08/31/2026

Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Renville 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	72	8/13/2008	90	64.80	None.					

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance

Total: 5

1. 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:

Documentation reviewed for June and July 2025 showed that counts are not being documented every 8-hours as required.

Corrective Actions:

The facility has already started the process of changing their count times to better align with staff schedules and daily responsibilities, to ensure counts are being documented every 8-hours. Send updated policy and procedure to the DOC by the assigned date. The DOC will continue to monitor for future compliance.

Response Needed By: 09/30/2025

2. 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:

Documentation for 2025 showed two days in which daily inspections were not completed in their entirety.

Corrective Actions:

The facility has a well-established procedure for completing daily inspections. The facility shall review the procedure and make any needed updates, to ensure the full completion of the required inspections daily. The DOC will continue to monitor for future compliance.

Response Needed By:

3. 2911.5450 DANGEROUS MATERIALS.

A facility shall have a written policy and procedure that specifies that materials dangerous to either security or safety shall be properly secured. Storage and use of flammable, toxic, and caustic materials must be in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations of governing jurisdictions. The policy must cover control and use of tools and culinary and medical equipment.

Inspection Findings:

A review of the kitchen tool cabinet showed two tools that were missing, when they should have been present, according to the cabinet inventory sheet.

Corrective Actions:

The facility was able to account for the missing tools, and there are no inmate workers assigned to the kitchen. However, the facility shall update their kitchen tools inventory sheet, to ensure it accurately reflects the tools that are assigned to the cabinet. Send the updated inventory sheet to the DOC by the assigned date. The DOC shall continue to monitor for future compliance.

Response Needed By: 09/30/2025

4. 2911.5550 LOCKS AND KEYS. Subpart 3. Regular testing.

Locks to security doors or gates shall be tested for proper function at least weekly to ensure proper operation.

Inspection Findings:

A review of documentation for 2025 showed two instances in which a weekly lock inspection was not completed.

Corrective Actions:

The facility has a well-established procedure for completing weekly inspections. The facility shall review the procedure and make any needed updates, to ensure the completion of the required inspections weekly. The DOC will continue to monitor for future compliance.

Response Needed By:

5. 2911.6500 STORAGE. Subpart 2. Refrigeration.

Medication requiring refrigeration shall be refrigerated and secured and the temperature checked daily. There must be separate refrigeration for medications only.

Inspection Findings:

A review of the temperature log for 2025 showed 5 days that did not have the daily temperature logged.

Corrective Actions:

The facility shall review their procedure for ensuring the medication fridge temperature is checked daily. The DOC will continue to monitor for future compliance.

Response Needed By:

INSPECTION COMMENTS

While the facility has an accounting procedure for all prescription medications in the facility, it is recommended that the facility review its medication destruction procedure, to ensure that all safeguards are in place to ensure accurate and detailed accounting for those medications.

The facility will stay on biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

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

On August 13, 2025, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. The Renville 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 DOC Portal System, the Renville County Jail held or processed one juvenile during the current federal fiscal year. The findings are as follows:

DSO: I did not find any violations of the facility holding status offenders in the jail.

Jail Removal: There were no juveniles held during this time frame.

Sight and Sound Separation: The facility design, policies, and court schedule allow for proper sight and sound separation.

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

Policies: The jail policies are complete.

Court Holding: There is no court holding available. The juveniles are escorted right into the courtrooms. There are separate times for juvenile court appearances.

Based on the documentation that I reviewed, I did not find any violations of the JJDP act during the Renville County inspection.

Report completed By: Jake Nelson – Senior Detention Facility Inspector Signature: