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May 20, 2016

Mark Hanson, Chairman  
Dallas County Supervisors  
201 N. Nile Kinnick Dr.  
Adel, Iowa 50003

Re: Dallas County Jail Inspection

Dear Chairman Hanson,

The Dallas County Jail was inspected on May 17, 2016 by the Iowa Department of Corrections, as required by Iowa Code Section 356, to ensure compliance with Chapter 201-50 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The inspection included an examination of staff training records, required documentation, prisoner files, jail policy and procedures and a tour of the jail. Please note the following Iowa Administrative Code Sections, comments and recommendations for corrective action:

**IAC 201—50.4(356,356A) Physical plant—general.**

**50.4(4) Cells. Maximum security cells shall be equipped with tamper-resistant bunks, secured table(s) and seat(s), plus a toilet and washbasin recommended for jail or prison use. Cells shall have an adequate supply of both hot and cold water; mixing valves may be used. Housing areas of less secure design need not contain tamper-resistant fixtures.**

**Comment:** The plumbing issues that have been noted in past inspection reports continues to be a persistent problem.

**Corrective action:** Please ensure plumbing issues are promptly addressed.

**Additional comments:**

Dallas County Jail is an older facility that does not meet the current needs of the prisoners, staff or the public. The other issues that have been addressed in past inspection reports continues to be problematic and needs to be addressed.

Major improvements include contracting with Advanced Health Care for medical services; increasing daily calorie intake to 2800 calories per day; implementing the Iowa Prescription Drug Program; painting the cellblocks; and utilizing Skype for the initial arraignments.

The mission of the Iowa Department of Corrections is:  
**To advance successful offender reentry to protect the public, staff and offenders from victimization.**

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Documentation appears to be complete and was readily available for inspection.

Policy and procedure manual is complete and well written.

It is a pleasure to work with the professional staff of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and Jail.

Dallas County is reminded they are currently operating under a 12 bed variance that expires March 22, 2018. When the variance expires, Dallas County will have 12 less beds to use.

I wish to express my appreciation to Chief Deputy/Jail Administrator Doug Lande, Jail Clerk Tonya Davis and the entire jail staff for their assistance and cooperation during the inspection.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Delbert G. Longley*  
Chief Jail Inspector

Cc: Sheriff  
Jail Administrator  
Assistant Jail Administrator  
County Attorney