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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
JERRY W. BARTRUFF, DIRECTOR

December 7, 2017

Jerry Parker, Chairman
Wapello County Supervisors
215 N. Court
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

Re: Wapello County Jail Inspection

Dear Chairman Parker,

The Wapello County Jail was inspected by the Iowa Department of Corrections on November 22, 2017, 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 actions:

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: Hot water was not available in the work release housing unit.

Comment: Staff advised parts have been ordered and will be installed when the parts arrive.

Additional comments:

Documentation was readily available and complete for inspection.

Major improvements include a new stainless steel shower; additional part-time staff on the schedule; and an additional full-time position.

Documentation appears to be complete and readily accessible for inspection.

I wish to thank Jail Administrator Chris Swope, Assistant Jail Administrator Jason Fuller, and the entire staff at the Wapello County Jail for their cooperation and assistance during the inspection.

Sincerely,
Delbert G. Longley
Chief Jail Inspector

cc: Sheriff
County Attorney
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