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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
JOHN BALDWIN, DIRECTOR

December 5, 2014

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 21, 2014, 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 201-50.14(356,356A) Cleanliness and hygiene

50.14(1) Housekeeping.

a. The jail shall be kept clean and sanitary. Toilets, wash basins, showers and other equipment throughout the facility shall be maintained in good working order. Walls, floors and ceilings shall be well maintained.

Comment: The cleanliness of the jail is much improved over past inspections. Some areas of concern were noted. They include the vents; hard water deposits; showers, ceiling tile; floors and caulking.

Corrective actions: Please ensure these issues are addressed to ensure clean, healthy and sanitary living and working conditions.

Additional comments:

Documentation was readily available and complete for inspection.

Major improvements include the creation of a Alternative Coordinators position; tele-medicine as of January 1, 2015; and new mattresses.

Upon completion of the above corrective actions, the Wapello County Jail will be in compliance with Chapter 201-50 of the Iowa Administrative Code.

I wish to thank Sheriff Mark Miller, 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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