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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
JERRY W. BARTRUFF, DIRECTOR

December 1, 2015

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 25, 2015, 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: Several showers are in need of a thorough cleaning and maintenance. Caulking is missing or loose, causing unhealthy and unsanitary conditions.

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

Additional comments:

Documentation was readily available and complete for inspection.

Major improvements include the installation of AED and additional part-time positions.

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 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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