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Carroll County House of Corrections six month Inspection December 17, 2014

At 2:33 pm on Wednesday December 17, 2014 fulfilling the responsibilities of a Commissioner, I inspected the above facility. There were 10 areas I told Superintendent Henry who met me at the door, that I wanted to see. This inspection was not announced ahead of time.

- 1. Control Room Officer Katheryn Mills was on duty at the time. I asked her several questions and for and officer who was only employed about 6 months she had the answers. She admitted that mistakes can be made but she knew who to turn to for help.
- 2. Cellblock and showers- The women's cellblock was opened for me and I talked with the 3 females sitting at the table. I asked what educational programs they had taken and where they worthwhile. I looked into their shower area and asked if I could see inside one of their cells which the individual agreed, all was clean and respectable.
- 3. Although the kitchen is not where food is cooked it was clean and is where the food from the nursing home is dispersed out to the inmates. The kitchen is under used however some garden produce is prepared there for the nursing home.
- 4. Intake and holding cells Officer Wrigley was in charge here and was knowledgeable of the process of intake and the methods used to handle cash and credit card transactions belonging to the inmates.
- 5. Maintenance area is a though area to keep picked up especially if work is being done. The upstairs could be a little better organized.
- 6. The Boiler room was another area that could stand improvements. Shovels and the like, could be stored out in the metal shed with the snow blower and etc.
- 7. Library and training room is being worked and relocated so inmates have a better opportunity to use these areas.
- 8. The health area looked in good shape. Things were well organized, clean and well lighted.
- 9. The overall security of the facility seemed to be in good shape. I asked what would happen if an event between 2 inmates took place, what would the response be? Answers were given by those I talked with.

10. The Superintendent was very knowledgeable of the goings on at the facility. He has made several changes that will improve the operation and functions of the jail. Rooms were being changed around for more efficient use, signs were redone, pictures with directions replaced.

Lori Baggio at the front desk now answers the phone where the control room had been. This reduces the chances of missing items the control room person is responsible for.

I am very proud of the County House of Corrections and the employees who work there. I am especially proud of Superintendent Jason Henry and the things he is looking to do to improve the facility.

This completes my inspection report and I left at 3:29 pm feeling good about what I saw.

David Sorensen Commissioner Chair