March 2, 2022

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Ms. Hodgdon:

Then Merrimack County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with RSA 30-B: 12 conducted its semi-annual inspection of the Merrimack County Department of Corrections and Community Corrections Center on March 1, 2022.

The Commissioners stated the facility looked well maintained and clean. While touring the processing area the Commissioners voiced that the body scanner along with K9 Mack seems to serve as a deterrent for incoming contraband. They spoke to several staff members and thanked them for their tenure with the County.

A unit that had been freshly painted was discussed about the how it brightened up the area, Superintendent Costanzo and Major Cushman stated they would look into updating the other units this way.

Major Cushman and Commissioner Trachy examined the tiles in the Alpha unit and Superintendent Costanzo and Major Cushman suggested that was a planned improvement and would be discussed further today at the BOC meeting. Floor that need to be refinished in the units, were suggested to be replaced with the same material used in the kitchen area.

When touring the Community Corrections Center the Commissioners found the units and administrative offices clean and noted the light green paint in the hallway brightened up the area.
Overall, the Commissioners stated both facilities seemed well taken care of and clean.

Sincerely,

Tara Reardon, Chair

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