June 29, 2022

To: Attorney General John Formella
Subject: County Department of Corrections
From: Commissioner Kate Coyle
       Rockingham County New Hampshire

Dear Attorney General Formella,

On Tuesday, June 29, 2022, I conducted my semi-annual visit and inspection of the Rockingham County Correctional Facility and met with Superintendent Henry.

We toured the building, and I reviewed the management, conditions and security of the facility and condition of the inmates housed in the Rockingham County Correctional Facility. I found the building to be clean, and well maintained. The inmates were courteous and appeared to be well cared for and well fed.

COVID-19 protocols are still in place following CDC guidance for correctional facilities and movement throughout the jail continues to be minimal. All staff and inmates are provided and wearing proper face coverings and anyone entering the building is first screened and their temperature taken and documented. At the time of this inspection, I was shown two rooms that had been repurposed for offices. A small work crew consisting of a detailed Corrections Officer and two inmates work very hard to create office space due to the growing need for programming and medical staff.

Cleaning inside the building, and grounds maintenance are being performed by a small number of inmates. Maintenance personnel continue to perform all necessary repairs on a daily basis.

Superintendent Henry plans and budgets for the upkeep and preventative maintenance of the facility and grounds as well as implementing state of the art technology upgrades to better serve and protect inmates, staff, and visitors of the facility.

Mrs. Gates and her staff make sure our facilities are up to code and safe for the inmates, clients, visitors and employees who work for the County.

Major maintenance updates and repairs are reported and discussed at weekly Commissioner’s meetings on a regular basis.

Sincerely,

Kate Coyle, Clerk
Rockingham County Board of Commissioners