

# Greene County Jail



# History

- The first Greene County Jail was built around 1836, 3 years after Greene County was formed. This original jail was a small, log structure that was located in what is now the City of Springfield at Main and Boonville.
- A second jail was built along with a new courthouse in 1861. The jail was a 2 story structure located on the west side of the square. It was used as a prison by both the Confederate and Union armies during the Civil War.
- A third jail was built in 1891 on Robberson north of the historic courthouse. It's capacity was 35-40 prisoners. By 1930 this jail reached a population of 160, overcrowding and poor conditions led to the need of another new jail.
- The construction of the fourth jail was completed in 1937. It attached via a raised corridor to the back of the current historic courthouse's third floor.

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- That jail served the county until the 1980's when a new 3 story tower was built onto the north end of the 1930's jail. 2 additional floors were added to that tower in later years. This tower is still in use and holds prisoners during the day awaiting to be taken to the courthouse for their appearance. The total capacity of this tower combined with the 1930's portion of the jail was 400.

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- In 2002, a new section of the jail was opened to improve security and to comply with new state and federal regulations. The capacity was 500 inmates. During the construction the jail built in 1936 was torn down. Several renovations occurred since 2002 to increase the jails capacity to 701 beds.
- By 2016 the Average Daily Population in the jail had overtaken the capacity of 701. We reached a population of 960 inmates in September of 2019. During those years temporary trailer jails were erected and we housed inmates in other county jails to combat overcrowding issues.

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# Today's Facility

- In 2018 the voters passed a ½ cent General Revenue sales tax that allowed the county to help solve the most recent overcrowding issue. The plan was to build a new 1242 bed jail along with a new 2 story Sheriff's Office on 23 acres outside of the crowded downtown Greene County campus.
- In June of 2022 the new jail opened at 1199 N. Haseltine Rd and inmates were transferred from the old jail.
- We currently have an average daily population of around 841.

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# Jail Budget

- The jail has a 2024 allocated budget of 42 million dollars.
- This includes everything from employee salaries to the food and health care for the inmates.
- The only department in the county that comes close to this is the Highway Department with an annual budget of 40.4 million dollars.
- The jail also has several revenue streams and is not completely dependent on tax payer money.
- Between these revenue streams in 2024 the jail anticipates bringing in 14.5 million dollars. This is a mix between several sources including federal boarding contracts, commissary sales and vendor contracts.

# Staffing

- With the expansion of the facility our staffing also grew. Today the jail employs 430 staff who work throughout the facility. The jail employs the single largest staff out of all county divisions.
- There are three Captains responsible for managing the jail.
- Capt. Melissa Howell (**Retiring Dec 2, 2024**) – Captain over Administration
- Capt. Stanley Hancock – Captain over Booking/Courts
- Capt. Royce Denny – Captain over Housing

# Jail Administration



## Medical & Mental Health

The Medical and Mental Health staff have offices and cubicles. We also have the Special housing Seargent and Disciplinary Hearing officer working in this area when they are not in the Special Housing units.



# Medical



# Male Mental Health unit



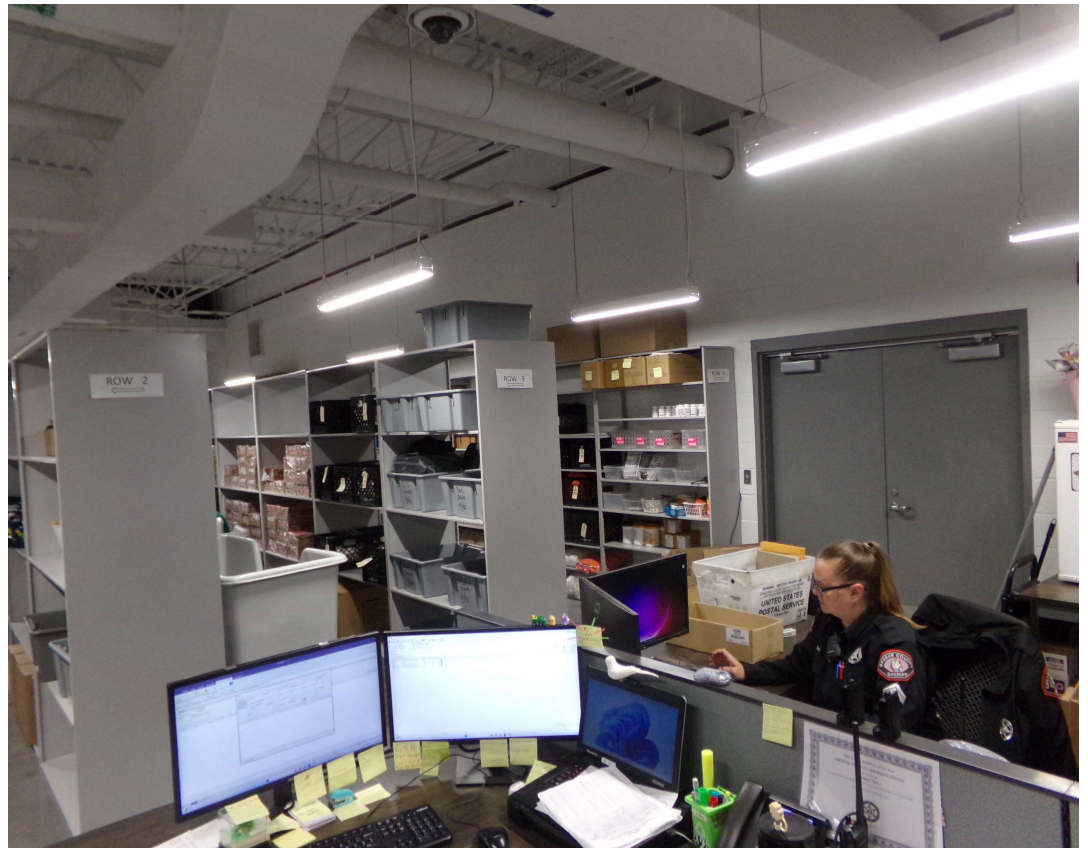
# Female segregation and Mental Health



# Commissary

A Staff of 3 officers and a Clerk fill and distribute commissary orders for the jail population everyday.

This is done with the assistance of 2 to 3 inmate workers.





# Vending Machine

Vending machines are available



# Kitchen

Our staff makes an average of 3000 meals every day.

This is done with a staff of 12 officers and 22 inmate workers who work different shifts.





# Laundry

We have 3 laundry officers with 6 inmate workers.

They wash, dry and fold multiple loads of laundry a day. The officers distribute the laundry to each unit once it is completed.



## Mail Room

The mail room has 2 officers and 1 clerk to sort all mail and review phone calls and video visits.

Our mail room staff have been able to prevent assaults, suicides and some criminal acts outside of the jail by monitoring phone calls and video visits.



# Jail Booking/Courts Responsibilities

K9's in the jail



## K-9

- Conduct searches of inmates during the intake process.
- Conduct searches of housing units.
- Conduct searches of secure and non-secure areas of the Sheriff's Office.
- Conduct searches of jail vehicles, including transport vehicles.
- Conduct searches of patrol vehicle upon request.

# K-9 Apollo and Officer Cameron

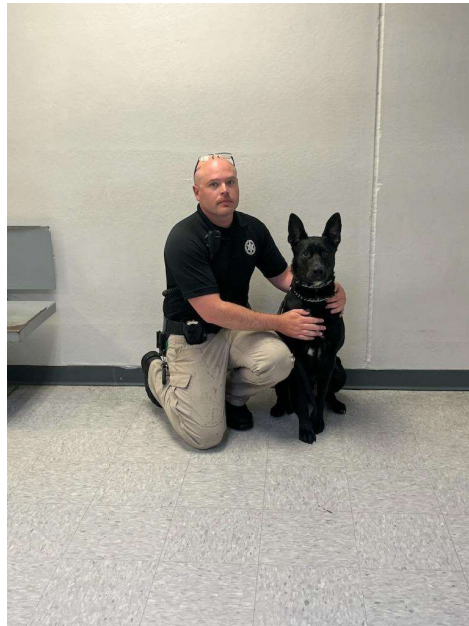
- Weimaraner/Lab
- 2 years old





# K-9 Batman and Officer Dillard

- German Shepard Mix
- 3 Years Old



# K-9 Griz and Officer Wallis

- German Shepard
- 2 Years Old



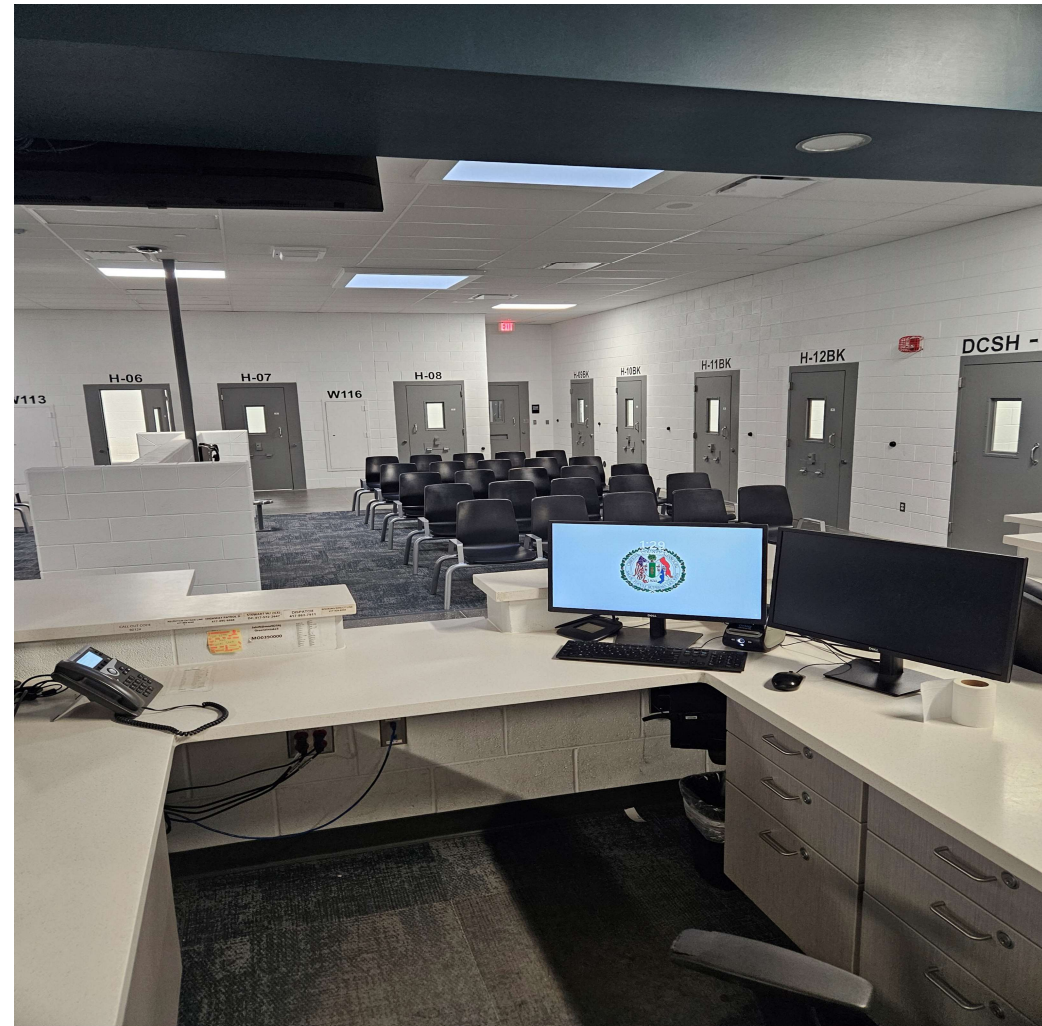
# K-9 Luka and Officer Charleton

- Lab
- 2 Years Old



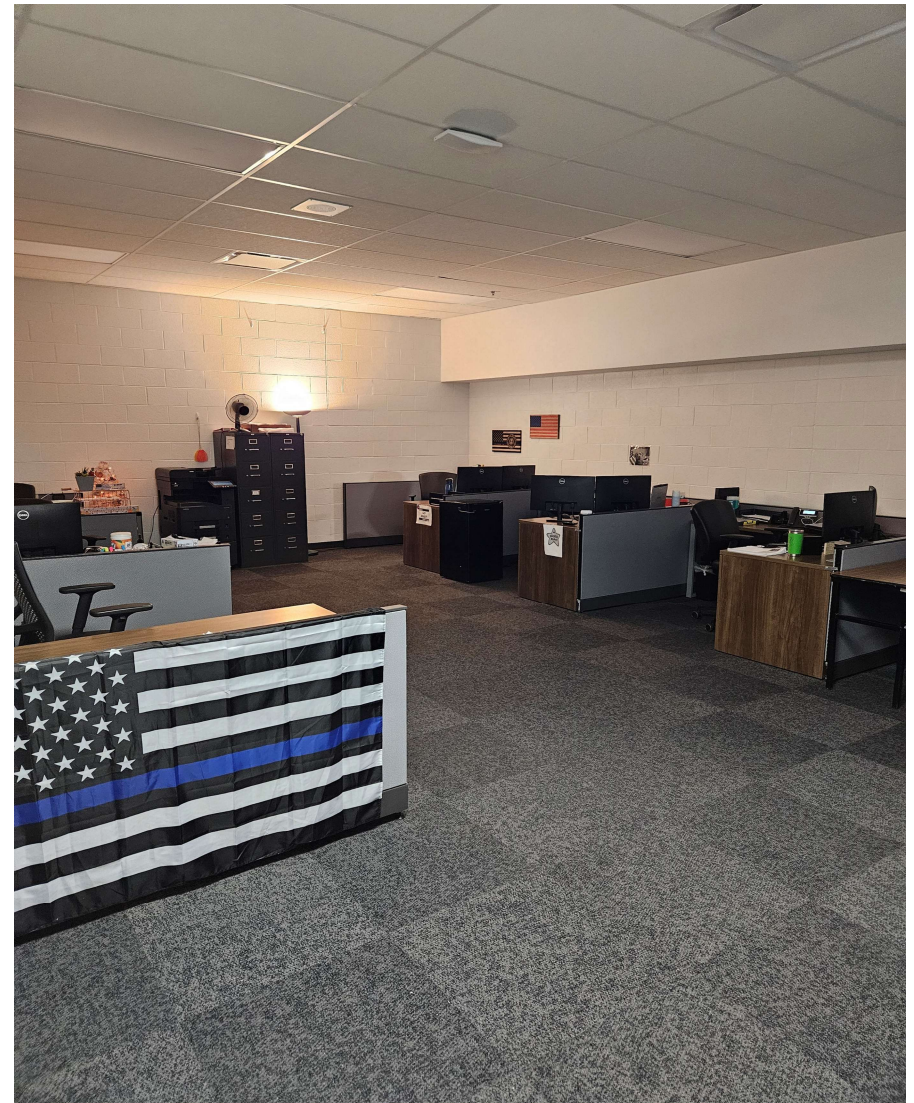
# Booking

Knowledge of booking is very Important. Staff must be well trained to work this area.



# Classification

- Five classification officers and one supervisor.



# Video Court

- In person vs Video
  - 1. In person court
  - 2. Video court
  - 3. 100 inmates can be held waiting to go to video court

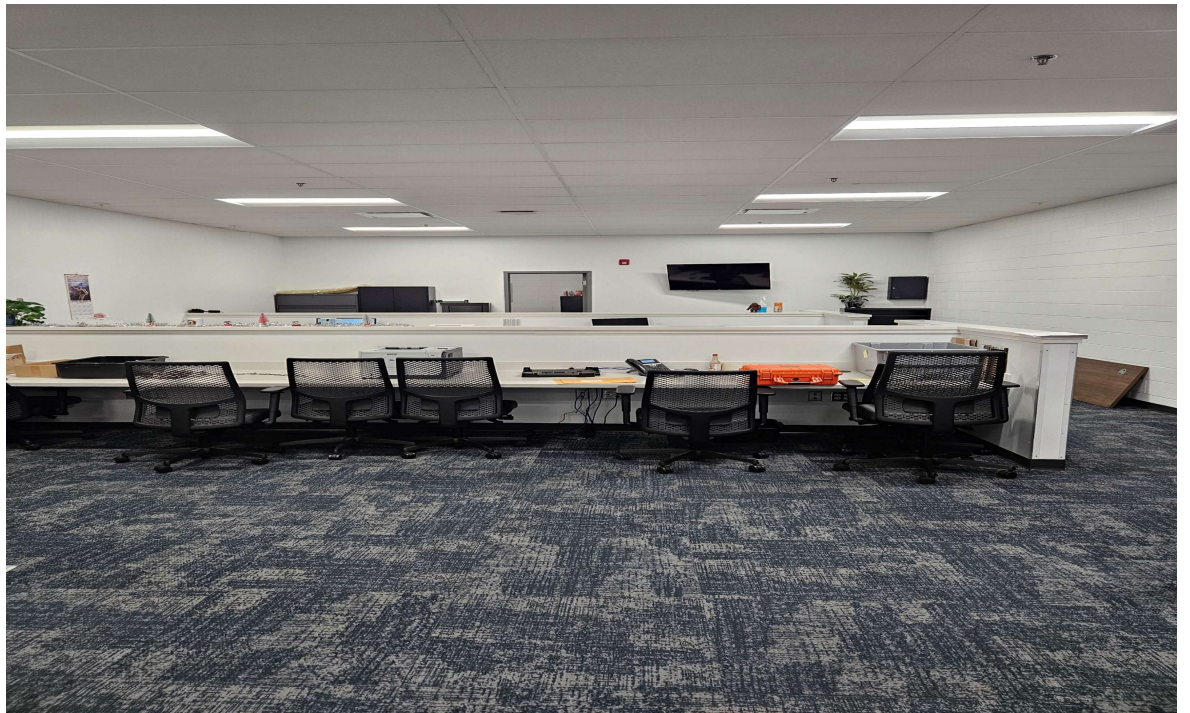


# Extradition

6 Deputies

2 Supervisors

2 clerks



# Sex Offender Registration

1. We have a total of 938 registered sex offenders
2. Out of the 938 registered sex offender 478 fall under the Halloween Compliance RSMO 589.426.
3. We currently have approximately 72 who are absconders or are non compliant with their registration requirements.
4. One clerk



# Jail Housing

- Inmates are housed within the jail in several different types of housing units depending on the inmates classification and needs. The housing units are designed to serve all the inmates needs reducing inmate movement throughout the facility. The inmates are served meals, shower, see their attorney, communicate with family and friends via video visitation, email, text or phone within the housing unit. Each pod also has vending machines where they can purchase snack items and drinks and a recreation area with fresh air and sunlight.
- The jail housing units are managed by 310 detention staff, divided into 4 shifts, each shift is overseen by a Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants and 8 Corporals. There are detention officers assigned to work in each of the housing units to maintain safety and security of the jail.

# General population housing unit



# Dormitory unit

- There are male and female General Population units which house 58 inmates in 2 and 4 bed cells and dormitory units which house 24 and 50 inmates.



# Segregation unit

- We also have male and female segregation units for inmates that can't follow the rules within the facility, special housing units for inmates that have mental health and medical needs and housing in our medical department for inmates that require a higher level of medical care.



# Conclusion

The Greene County jail has been in continual operation since around 1836 and has been re-imagined many times throughout our history. It's been a long journey coming from a small log structure to what we have today.