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The Honorable Abigail Spanberger
Governor of Virginia
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Dear Governor Spanberger,

The Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) conducted an unannounced inspection of Baskerville Correctional Center. This report includes a summary of the factors listed in *Code of Virginia* § 53.1-17.6 (B), recommendations, safety and compliance classification, recommended timeline for the next inspection, and the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) response to the inspection.

Inspection Report: Baskerville Correctional Center
November 12, 2025, at 09:30 a.m.

Background

Baskerville Correctional Center is a Level II medium-security institution located in Baskerville, Virginia. The facility has a housing capacity of approximately 359 adult male inmates, with an inmate population of 327 at the time of inspection.

The facility offers a comprehensive range of educational and vocational programs through the Department of Education (DOE), including Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Education Development (GED), and Career and Technical Education (CTE). In addition to academic instruction, the facility provides reentry programs designed to support successful reintegration into society.

The facility participates in the VADOC Agribusiness Program, which provides inmates with hands-on experience in agricultural operations. Vocational opportunities are also available through on-site work assignments in areas such as food service, maintenance, and janitorial services, enabling inmates to develop practical and transferable job skills.

Inspection Scope

The inspection was not intended to assess compliance with legislative or regulatory requirements, nor assess compliance with VADOC policies, though both were considered where relevant. The inspection was conducted in collaboration with various VADOC administrators to include the Warden, Assistant Warden, and Operations Manager. The inspection included a walkthrough of the facility, observation of operations and discussions with facility staff and inmates. The areas examined during this inspection included the command office, commissary, housing, education and programming, inmate and staff dining areas, laundry services, medical, recreation, basement, visitation, and warehouse.

The inspection methodologies employed during the assessment were multifaceted and designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the facility's operations and environment. The inspection team used a variety of methods to gain an understanding of daily life and operations at the facility. These included inquiries and conversations with staff and inmates, as well as extensive on-site observations. Inspectors observed how staff and inmates interacted and paid attention to how procedures were followed throughout the facility.

Complaint, Grievance, and Administrative Remedies Procedures

Inmates have access to the facility's complaint, grievance, and administrative remedies process. During the day, blank forms are stored and distributed by dormitory technicians within the housing units. Additional forms are also available in the control booths of each unit for inmate access. Completed grievance forms can be submitted via secure drop boxes, which are in the courtyard outside. Since the creation of the OSIG Ombudsman Unit some complaints filed with OSIG have been addressed, while others remain unresolved, pending resolution.

Educational and Rehabilitative Programming

The facility offers several educational and programming courses to assist with re-entry into the community. These programs include life skills training, substance abuse treatment, and cognitive behavioral interventions. DOE also offers vocational training in print shop and masonry for inmates.

The print shop produces a variety of graphic materials, including apparel designs, brochures, tickets, banners, and awards. The facility is equipped with a 3D printer, enhancing the range of production capabilities. The program operates in two shifts, with eight inmates participating in the morning, and eight in the afternoon. Despite the lack of internet access in the classroom due

to security protocols, the program remains productive and creative. Inmates gain hands-on experience in design and production, and upon completion, graduates leave with a portfolio showcasing their work, supporting future employment opportunities.

The masonry program currently enrolls two students in the morning, and two in the afternoon. It is a 12-to-15-month program focused on teaching bricklaying and foundational masonry skills. Despite the program's value in providing a marketable trade, the instructor noted challenges in maintaining enrollment, citing difficulty attracting and retaining participants. Some of the items produced through this program have been featured and made available for purchase at the annual Student Showcase in Richmond, Virginia.

Food Services/Warehouse

Inmates are provided with three meals per day, which are typically served in the facility's dining hall. During the lunch period, the inspectors observed the meal distribution process. Meals were served on divided compartment trays and appeared to be in satisfactory condition. The lunch meal on the day of the inspection consisted of a cold plate with turkey or ham, macaroni salad, and carrots.

Food service workers were observed wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), and the kitchen area was clean, well-maintained, and organized. Two correctional officers were present during the meal period (one stationed in the dining hall and the other in the kitchen area) to ensure order and security.

The warehouse stores excess food. When enough has accumulated, the food from the warehouse is rotated into the kitchen storage area.

Gymnasium/Recreation

The facility is equipped with an indoor gymnasium that includes a basketball court and weightlifting equipment. Outdoor recreation is available daily for all inmates, except during inclement weather or facility lockdowns. Activities offered include basketball, softball, soccer, jogging, corn hole, horseshoe, frisbee, and weightlifting. A recreational schedule is posted in all housing units. The outdoor recreation area was spacious and included exercise equipment, with water coolers accessible throughout the day to ensure hydration.

Housing

The facility consists of three housing units, each serving different operational purposes. The B side of Housing Unit 2 is currently being used as temporary holding or cool-off space. The facility does not have a designated Restorative Housing Unit. Housing Unit 1 is in the process of having air conditioning installed to improve living conditions. Most housing areas feature bunk

bed-style accommodation with in-unit showers; however, Housing Unit 1B did not have shower facilities on the floor. There were showers available for use located in the basement.

Additionally, JPay services in one of the housing units is currently non-functional, limiting inmate access to communication and media services. During the day, dormitory technicians are responsible for holding and distributing blank written complaint, grievance, and other inmate request forms to inmates as needed, ensuring continued access to essential documentation. Inmates may request additional blank forms from the Control Room as necessary.

Commissary/Personal Property

Commissary items are delivered to the facility pre-packaged by an external vendor, Keefe Commissary Network. Inmates receive a monthly calendar that outlines the due dates for both commissary and property orders, ensuring clear communication and scheduling.

At the time of the inspection, the commissary storage area was empty, as all received items had already been distributed to the inmate population. According to the commissary staff, items are issued to inmates immediately upon receipt, minimizing storage time and ensuring timely access to purchased goods. When asked about the most common complaint among the inmate population, staff reported the unavailability of shoes due to current stock shortages was a primary concern.

Medical

The facility's medical unit provides a range of essential healthcare services to the inmate population. A licensed medical provider is on-site three times per week to address acute and chronic medical needs. Other services provided at the facility are physical therapy, optometry, laboratory services, and ultrasound and X-ray (available weekly as needed). On-site dental care is provided by a dentist and dental assistant. The facility also maintains a contract with Jet Dental to supplement dental services to ensure timely access to dental services.

The medical unit does not have designated medical beds or an infirmary. Inmates requiring extended medical observation or inpatient care are transferred to Lunenburg Correctional Center, which serves as the regional infirmary.

Safety and Security

The facility implements a range of safety and security measures, including perimeter protection, controlled physical access, and comprehensive internal surveillance and monitoring systems. Security screening procedures include the use of a visitor log, walk-through magnetometer, X-ray machine, and pat-down/frisk searches. These measures are consistently applied to all individuals entering the facility. During the inspection, it was noted that at least one fire extinguisher did not display a recent inspection notation. Additionally, a camera reconfiguration

report was in progress at the time of review. The camera reconfiguration report is currently being developed to document adjustments made to the existing surveillance system.

Visitation

The visitation area was a clean, well-lit, and versatile multi-purpose room designed to accommodate in-person visits, video visits, and court hearings. The space was arranged with a visitation officer positioned at the front center of the room and several small tables spaced throughout to facilitate orderly interactions. Additionally, the area included separate male and female visitor restrooms, both of which were decorated with murals created by inmates.

Additional Information

As reported by the Department's Research Unit on February 3, 2026:

- **Staffing:** The facility employed 94 security staff and 46 non-security personnel at the time of the inspection, with 25 vacancies. Four staff members received disciplinary action within the past year. The average tenure of correctional staff was 10 years. *VADOC provided the staff-to-inmate ratio at the facility; however, due to security concerns, this information will not be publicly reported.*
- **Lockdowns:** Over the past three years, the facility underwent 17 lockdowns, with the most recent lockdown reported on December 9, 2025. No instances of over-detention among inmates were reported at the facility.
- **Physical/Sexual Assaults/Deaths:** Between December 22, 2022, and December 21, 2025, there was one serious assault involving staff and four serious assaults involving inmates. Additionally, there were no serious assaults with a sexual component reported during this period. Between December 22, 2022, and December 21, 2025, no inmate deaths were reported at the facility. During this same three-year period, one staff member passed away while training at an off-site facility.
- **Visitations:** Between December 22, 2024, and December 21, 2025, there were 1,746 in-person visitation requests and 4,572 video visitation requests. Of these, 337 in-person visitation requests and 259 video visitation requests were canceled or denied. The in-person visitation denial was based on security protocol following detection of an anomaly during entry screening. In accordance with facility procedures, visitors were offered video visits as an alternative.

Key Findings

- During the inspection, water was observed beneath the sink located in the basement laundry area. Maintenance was immediately notified, the issue was promptly addressed, and a wet floor sign was placed to ensure safety in the affected area.
- The facility is currently in the process of deploying new tablets provided by ViaPath Technologies. During the inspection, a representative from the vendor was on-site conducting Wi-Fi capability testing to support the rollout.

Recommendations

Based on observations made during the inspection, OSIG recommends the following:

- Follow up with the contracted vendor to ensure timely repair or replacement of the malfunctioning JPay kiosk.

Inspectors Comments

Thank you for accommodating our visit. We appreciated the opportunity to observe your operations firsthand. Staff demonstrated a high level of professionalism and expertise, and their knowledge contributed to the value of our visit.

Facility Classification

Tier III – The facility has adequate conditions of confinement and programming options requiring a subsequent inspection within 36 months.

Virginia Department of Corrections Response

The VADOC appreciates the thorough inspection of Baskerville Correctional Center and welcomes the opportunity to work with OSIG to identify areas of improvement. All recommendations have been addressed as set forth below:

As mentioned in the report, it was recommended that Baskerville Correctional Center follow up with the vendor JPay to ensure timely repair and/or replacement of the malfunctioning equipment. As of February 5, 2026, Baskerville Correctional Center has transitioned to ViaPath Tablets and no longer utilizes JPay tablets and/or kiosks.

In response to fire safety recommendations, the facility is reinforcing adherence to VADOC Operating Procedure 303.2, Fire Safety and Response Plans to ensure routine audits of all fire extinguishers are completed. The extinguishers identified during the inspection have been updated and documented. Compliance will be monitored through monthly inspections of all fire extinguishers throughout the facility.

The VADOC appreciates OSIG's recognition of the professionalism and cooperation demonstrated by staff and the inmate population during the inspection. VADOC remains

committed to continuous improvement and will continue implementing enhancements to uphold the standards reflected in OSIG's Tier III classification.

OSIG's appreciates the assistance provided by the Virginia Department of Corrections during this inspection. Please contact me with any questions at 804-625-3255 or corrine.louden@osig.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,



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