

New White County Jail Dedicated on Sunday 7-19-98



Above is one of the day rooms adjoining the cells at the new White County Jail which was dedicated Sunday. The new \$7.2 million facility was open for tours, Sunday and again on Monday evening.

White County's jail replaces the jail built in 1971, which housed 26 inmates. The jail has 68 cells

and houses 148 prisoners. Construction of the facility began in August 1996, and contains about 75,000 square feet on two levels.

All the sheriff's offices as well as 911 dispatch area is located in the new facility. The jail contains two exercise areas, an indoor area and an outdoor area which is actually an inside area with an open top. The top is covered with a heavy

screen.

The jail has six men's cell blocks, a women's cell block and men's and women's work release areas.

Prisoners from the old jail have been helping with painting and cleaning the new facility for several days now and will soon be moving to their new home.