

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Dishwasher and Gate Replacement for Muscogee County Prison</b>
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of equipment for the Muscogee County Prison in the amount of \$88,612.95, for a dishwasher, from Mobile Fixture & Equipment Company, Inc. (Columbus, GA), and \$12,966.00, for the back gate replacement, from Integrated Security Systems (Columbus, GA).

A new dishwasher is required due to the age, maintenance issues and unreliability of the current unit, which is approximately 20 years old and consistently needs repairing. At present, the dishwasher has been awaiting back ordered parts for possible repair since September 2021. On average, over the past 3 years this machine has been down for nearly 14 months, waiting for parts to come in, and a representative from the manufacturer to perform the repairs. The new dishwasher will be purchased from Mobile Fixture & Equipment Company, Inc. (Columbus, GA), via Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0154V, in the amount of \$88,612.95, which includes the dishwasher and components.

Additionally, the facility needs a new back gate that will provide a more secure area for loading and off- loading offenders to and from work details. The current gate has been damaged numerous times and must be manually pushed closed for each vehicle that enters the sallyport. Policy requires that when a vehicle enters the sallyport, the entry gate must be opened then closed once the vehicle is securely inside the sallyport. The vehicle is then loaded then the exit gate is open, and the vehicle departs prior to allow another vehicle to enter. The two gates should never be opened simultaneously. Currently, this process cannot be performed because neither gate works and must be manually opened and closed. Recently, an offender was able to attempt an escape from the facility because the gates had to be left open to load the detail trucks. Open gates are a breach of security for any prison and will result in an automatic failure on both a state and federal audit. The prison has selected Integrated Security Systems (Columbus, GA) to provide and install the new back gate, in the amount of \$12,966.00, as the vendor has provided similar equipment and services for the City in the past.

Funds are available in the FY22 Budget via OLOST Public Safety Reserves. The purchase of the equipment will be made from: OLOST/Public Safety – MCP – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Equipment over \$5,000; 0102 – 420 – 9900 - LOST – 7761.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,612.95, FOR A DISHWASHER, FROM MOBILE FIXTURE & EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. (COLUMBUS, GA), AND \$12,966.00, FOR THE BACK GATE REPLACEMENT, FROM INTEGRATED SECURITY SYSTEMS (COLUMBUS, GA).**

**WHEREAS**, A new dishwasher is required due to the age, maintenance issues and unreliability of the current unit, which is approximately 20 years old and consistently needs repairing. At present, the dishwasher has been awaiting back ordered parts for possible repair since September 2021. On average, over the past 3 years this machine has been down for nearly 14 months, waiting for parts to come in, and a representative from the manufacturer to perform the repairs. The new dishwasher will be purchased from Mobile Fixture & Equipment Company, Inc. (Columbus, GA), via Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0154V, in the amount of \$88,612.95, which includes the dishwasher and components; and,

**WEHREAS**, additionally, the facility needs a new back gate that will provide a more secure area for loading and off- loading offenders to and from work details. The current gate has been damaged numerous times and must be manually pushed closed for each vehicle that enters the sallyport. Policy requires that when a vehicle enters the sallyport, the entry gate must be opened then closed once the vehicle is securely inside the sallyport. The vehicle is then loaded then the exit gate is open, and the vehicle departs prior to allow another vehicle to enter. The two gates should never be opened simultaneously. Currently, this process cannot be performed because neither gate works and must be manually opened and closed. Recently, an offender was able to attempt an escape from the facility because the gates had to be left open to load the detail trucks. Open gates are a breach of security for any prison and will result in an automatic failure on both a state and federal audit. The prison has selected Integrated Security Systems (Columbus, GA) to provide and install the new back gate, in the amount of \$12,966.00, as the vendor has provided similar equipment and services for the City in the past.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase equipment for the Muscogee County Prison in the amount of \$88,612.95, for a dishwasher, from Mobile Fixture & Equipment Company, Inc. (Columbus, GA), and \$12,966.00, for the back gate replacement, from Integrated Security Systems (Columbus, GA). Funds are available in the FY22 Budget via OLOST Public Safety Reserves. The purchase of the equipment will be made from: OLOST/Public Safety – MCP – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Equipment over \$5,000; 0102 – 420 – 9900 - LOST – 7761.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor