

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	RADIO EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON –SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase and installation of replacement radio equipment from Mobile Communications America (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$48,517.90. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract #020624-MCA.

On February 10, 2026, Warden Walker notified the Mayor requesting an emergency purchase to replace radio equipment that had become obsolete within the Prison facility. Warden Walker recently requested an audit of the current equipment by Mobile Communications America due to continuously losing radio reception and the facility radio repeater box losing power. What was revealed is that Muscogee County Prison did not upgrade when suggested from “analog to digital” service, some years ago. Due to safety concerns of the facility currently using analog service, the Prison’s frequency can be easily detected without any protection, and staff cannot communicate inside the prison efficiently and without static. The Information Technology Department, who handles Radio maintenance, confirmed that the radio setup of the Muscogee County Prison is outdated and requires immediate attention and recommends the emergency replacement.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #020624, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Mobile Communications America, was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Private Wireless Services and Related Solutions. The contract, which commenced May 3, 2024, is good through May 7, 2028, with an option for three one year extension upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The Mayor approved the emergency purchase on February 16, 2026, as a matter of public safety. However, funding is not available in the current budget for Muscogee County Prison. Therefore, the purchase will be funded from OLOST reserves and expenses will be charged to: Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund – MCP - Public Safety - LOST – Capital Equipment over \$5,000; 0102 – 420 – 9900 – LOST – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT RADIO EQUIPMENT FROM MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA (COLUMBUS, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,517.90. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE, VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #020624-MCA. THIS RESOLUTION ALSO AUTHORIZES THE USE OF OLOST RESERVE FUNDING FOR THE RADIO REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION.

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2026, Warden Walker notified the Mayor requesting an emergency purchase to replace radio equipment that had become obsolete within the Prison facility. Warden Walker recently requested an audit of the current equipment by Mobile Communications America due to continuously losing radio reception and the facility radio repeater box losing power. What was revealed is that Muscogee County Prison did not upgrade when suggested from “analog to digital” service, some years ago. Due to safety concerns of the facility currently using analog service, the Prison’s frequency can be easily detected without any protection, and staff cannot communicate inside the prison efficiently and without static. The Information Technology Department, who handles Radio maintenance, confirmed that the radio setup of the Muscogee County Prison is outdated and requires immediate attention and recommends the emergency replacement. Therefore, the Mayor approved the emergency purchase on February 16, 2026, as a matter of public safety; and,

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

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase and have installed replacement radio equipment from Mobile Communications America (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$48,517.90. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract #020624-MCA. Further, the Mayor and/or his designee is authorized to utilize OLOST Reserve funding for the radio replacement and installation. The

expenses will be charged to: Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund – 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 _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor