

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Intercom Control System Upgrade for Muscogee County Prison
INITIATED By:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of an upgrade to the intercom control system at Muscogee County Prison from American Detention Services (Decatur, AL) in the amount of \$329,750.00.

The current system that opens doors throughout the prison was put in place when the building was opened in 1997. The system is a push button system that has, for years, required constant maintenance. Currently the facility has four control room locations that work independently of one another, and there is no centralized override system that can open doors in the case of an emergency whereby the officers nor the offenders can exit their area. Example, if there is a fire in North Control and the panel is disabled, Main Control cannot override North Control's system and allow the offenders to exit their dorm safely. An officer would have to retrieve the keys to the North Pod area and physically open the door of each individual dorm, six of them, manually. This procedure is dangerous to the offenders and staff.

The system update will consist of audio communication desktop units that would allow the control room to communicate through all intercoms and paging speakers. The audio would be integrated into a touch screen control station allowing the officer to touch an intercom icon on the screen and communicate to the intercom station or paging zone. The system will allow Main Control to take over and control any part of the facility. Additionally, the system will come with an uninterruptible power supply to prevent the system from going down in the event of a power loss. Again, the current system is outdated and unreliable, the system jeopardizes the safety of the staff and the offender population.

American Detention Services is located in Decatur Alabama and is prepared to address this safety concern. The research on this vendor conducted by MCP Staff, along with recommendations from other correctional facilities, leads MCP staff to believe American Detention Services can start this project expediently and provide excellent service. Consequently, this vendor is deemed an only known source in accordance with the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

Funds are available in the FY26 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – MCP – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000; 0102 – 420 – 9900 - LOST – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN UPGRADE TO THE INTERCOM CONTROL SYSTEM AT MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON FROM AMERICAN DETENTION SERVICES (DECATUR, AL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$329,750.00.

WHEREAS, the current system that opens doors throughout the prison was put in place when the building was opened in 1997. The system is a push button system that has, for years, required constant maintenance. Currently the facility has four control room locations that work independently of one another, and there is no centralized override system that can open doors in the case of an emergency whereby the officers nor the offenders can exit their area. Example, if there is a fire in North Control and the panel is disabled, Main Control cannot override North Control's system and allow the offenders to exit their dorm safely. An officer would have to retrieve the keys to the North Pod area and physically open the door of each individual dorm, six of them, manually. This procedure is dangerous to the offenders and staff.; and,

WHEREAS, the system update will consist of audio communication desktop units that would allow the control room to communicate through all intercoms and paging speakers. The audio would be integrated into a touch screen control station allowing the officer to touch an intercom icon on the screen and communicate to the intercom station or paging zone. The system will allow Main Control to take over and control any part of the facility. Additionally, the system will come with an uninterruptible power supply to prevent the system from going down in the event of a power loss. Again, the current system is outdated and unreliable, the system jeopardizes the safety of the staff and the offender population; 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 an upgrade to the intercom control system at Muscogee County Prison from American Detention Services (Decatur, AL) in the amount of \$329,750.00. Funds are available in the FY26 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – MCP – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000; 0102 – 420 – 9900 - LOST – 7761.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2025 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