

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Emergency Purchase – Information Only: Provision and Installation of Remote Courtroom Cameras for Jury Trials
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

As a matter of public health to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the City has identified the need to purchase five (5) remote courtroom cameras and accessories for jury trials that are scheduled to begin on January 4, 2021.

On November 23, 2020, the City Manager approved the emergency purchase of remote courtroom cameras in order for the equipment to be delivered and installed prior to January 4, 2021. The equipment will allow the public to view jury trials in satellite rooms at the Government Center.

Sun Video d/b/a Columbus Tape and Video (Columbus, GA) provided the portable City Council meeting system and the indoor/outdoor movie screen package to the Civic Center; consequently, the IT Department and Civic Center contacted the vendor to provide a quote for the remote courtroom cameras. The total cost is estimated at \$36,739.75. The vendor will provide, install and program the equipment, as well as, train City staff on its use.

Funds are available in the FY21 Budget: General Fund – Miscellaneous – Contingency; 0101 – 590 – 2000 – CONT – 9801.