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MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

The Mobile County Commission met in emergency session in the Government Plaza Auditorium, in the City of Mobile, Alabama, on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 9:30 A. M. The following members of the Commission were present: Jerry L. Carl, President, Merceria Ludgood and Connie Hudson, Members. Also present were Glenn L. Hodge, County Administrator/Clerk of the Commission, Jay Ross, County Attorney, and W. Bryan Kegley II, County Engineer. President Carl chaired the meeting.

AGENDA #1

ADOPT RESOLUTION/EMERGENCY AFFECTING
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY/FAILURE OF
CELL DOOR LOCKS/MOBILE METRO JAIL

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, cell door locks at Mobile Metro Jail have failed and can be opened by inmates at will, endangering the lives of those incarcerated in the jail, those working or conducting business in the jail, and the general public, necessitating that the locks be immediately upgraded;

NOW THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Mobile County Commission

1. Declares the existence of an emergency affecting public health and safety, as a consequence of the failure of the cell door locks as above said; and
2. Specifically sets forth the nature of the danger involved in delaying the award of a contract for upgrading the locks, to wit: that inmates, those persons working or conducting business in the jail, and the general public could be injured or killed by inmates freely roaming the facility or escaping; and

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3. The danger is such that a contract for upgrading the locks is due to be approved without public advertisement.

Done this 3rd day of September, 2019.

\s\Jerry L. Carl
Jerry L. Carl, President
Mobile County Commission

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA #2

AWARD CONTRACT/WILLO PRODUCTS
COMPANY, INC./UPGRADE CELL
DOOR LOCKS/MOBILE METRO JAIL

Jay Ross, County Attorney: Do we want to state the contract of who it is going to be?

Commissioner Connie Hudson: Yes. If we can get some information?

Jay Ross, County Attorney: We need to identify the contractor.

Commission President Jerry L. Carl: Yes. That was not in our packet.

Glenn L. Hodge, County Administrator: We are recommending the award of bid to Willo Products Company, Inc.

Commissioner Hudson: Tyler, would you explain exactly what this will do?

Tyler Martin, Facilities Engineering Manager: Yes, ma'am. We invited Cornerstone Detention and Willo Products Company, Inc. to bid on three hundred thirty (330) locks to be replaced with a new face mounted lock. The low bid was Willo Products Company, Inc. in the amount of six hundred seventy-eight thousand nine hundred seventy-four dollars (\$678,974.00).

Commissioner Hudson: Okay.

Jay Ross, County Attorney: So the contract should be awarded to that entity for that amount.

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Commissioner Hudson: And how long will this take?

Tyler Martin, Facilities Engineering Manager: The Warden has indicated that we will only be able to upgrade one (1) wedge at a time. Based on that amount, we expect about a three hundred (300) day contract time.

Commission President Carl: If my memory serves me right, from the meeting, they said it was about a month and half per wedge, right?

Tyler Martin, Facilities Engineering Manager: We have updated that. They indicate that it will take between three (3) and five (5) days per wedge. We have allowed for some time to actually manufacture the locks and then some time in between wedges.

Commission President Carl: Okay.

Tyler Martin, Facilities Engineering Manager: There will be some downtime in between when the wedge is completed and when the jail can move prisoners around and provide another wedge to update.

Commission President Carl: Good. Thank you.

Commissioner Hudson: So until part of this work is accomplished, the inmates will still be housed, some of them off-site, for an extended period of time?

Tyler Martin, Facilities Engineering Manager: Is this the federal?

Commissioner Hudson: Yes.

Tyler Martin, Facilities Engineering Manager: Yes, ma'am. That's what the Feds have indicated. They would not return those prisoners until the problem had been corrected. That will aide in our availability of the wedge.

Commissioner Hudson: Okay.

Commissioner Merceria Ludgood: So how long will the manufacturing take?

Tyler Martin, Facilities Engineering Manager: They'll have all of the locks completed in sixteen (16) weeks. We are going to try to work with them so that as the first locks come off the assembly line, they can start working on installation.

Commissioner Hudson: But the total time until everything is complete is approximately three hundred (300) days?

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Tyler Martin, Facilities Engineering Manager: Yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Hudson: Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board award contract to Willo Products Company, Inc. to upgrade the cell door locks at Mobile Metro Jail, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the contract on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA #3

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND/OR COMMENTS

There were no announcements and/or comments.

AGENDA #4

ADJOURN

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve a request for motion to adjourn until September 9, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry L. Carl, President

Merceria Ludgood, Member

Connie Hudson, Member

ATTEST:

Glenn L. Hodge, County Administrator