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WHEREAS, the undersigned has been advised by Madison County Chief Deputy, Jeremy Williams, and Madison County Sheriff Randy Tucker, that the pneumatic lock system in the Madison County Detention Center is failing, and the failure of the lock system poses a risk to the safety of county employees and inmates in the county's care. The delay incident to giving the opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the County.

THEREFORE, in accordance with §31-7-1 et seq. and as the Madison County Board of Supervisors' officially named designee to declare emergencies, I, Greg Higginbotham, do hereby declare an emergency exists concerning the locks at the Madison County Detention Center. This declaration shall only be applicable to expenditures incurred by the Madison County Board of Supervisors related to replacing the failing pneumatic lock system.

Greg Higginbotham, County Administrator

FW: cell door locks emergency

From Jeremy Williams <Jeremy.williams@madison-co.com>
Date Thu 12/11/2025 2:11 PM
To Greg Higginbotham <greg.higginbotham@madison-co.com>
Cc Randy Tucker <randy.tucker@madison-co.com>

Greg:

Please see the email below reference the door locks and door lock system at the Madison County Jail. I know you have been briefed on the situation and Sheriff Tucker, and I agree with the assessment of Captain Strait. The system needs upgrade / repair. We feel this is a life safety issue.

Thanks,

Jeremy Williams
Chief Deputy

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Cc: Jeremy Williams <Jeremy.williams@madison-co.com>; Jeff Husted <jeff.husted@madison-co.com>
Subject: cell door locks emergency

Good morning, Sir

We are having numerous issues with the locks on the cells in the main jail. As you are aware, the current system that operates the pneumatic locks is deteriorating. We are constantly having to call the facility manager to break into the cells when they are not operating properly. This is leaving inmates in the cell with no way to get to them if an emergency arises. The air system that operates the doors along with the 24-volt system is deteriorating. This is most definitely a life safety issue that needs to be addressed immediately.

Thank you

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