

Item Title: Approval of a Multi-Year License Agreement for Enhanced AT&T Wireless Services

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to enter into a five-year License Agreement, with five 1-year extensions between Wake County and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC to provide enhanced AT&T wireless communications in designated County facilities by connecting to the County's Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS), subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners must approve all County multi-year agreements.

Background: The County currently maintains the DAS at three large County facilities to improve cellular reception within each building. AT&T has offered to enhance their communication services at these County facilities for use by occupants and their visitors. Wake County General Services Administration negotiated equipment locations within these facilities for connectivity to the recently upgraded and improved distribution arrays.

The License Agreement permits the use of space and access to install, operate, and maintain AT&T's provided equipment for the Wake County Justice Center, John H. Baker, Jr. Public Safety Center, and Wake County Detention Center. AT&T service will be added to the existing communications services provided on the DAS at each location.

Strategic Plan: This action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: In accordance with the referenced Licensed Agreement, the County has no financial impact as this is a zero-dollar license.

Additional Information:

This item seeks to execute a multi-year agreement that will allow the County to add enhanced AT&T services, with better coverage and communication for AT&T serviced devices and customers, to the existing DAS at the Wake County Justice Center, John H. Baker, Jr. Public Safety Center, and Wake County Detention Center.

These facilities have a heavy presence of law enforcement officers and first responders, who are AT&T FirstNet users. The FirstNet Network is a wireless platform for first responders and the extended public safety community. Its routing capability creates a reliable and secure environment for public safety personnel.

Once the License is executed and the design work is confirmed for each facility, it is anticipated that the system will be installed within 6 months and operational by the end of the first quarter of FY2026.

The County has already executed a licensing agreement with Verizon and the DAS currently provides enhanced coverage for Verizon devices at all three facilities.

Attachments:

None.