

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

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. 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, subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.**
- 2. Accepts and appropriates \$25,751.84 from New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. into the Public Safety Element of the County Capital Fund for the installation of FirstNet infrastructure on the County's Distributed Antenna System.**

Item Summary:

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

Background: The County currently maintains Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) at several County facilities to improve cellular reception within each building. AT&T has offered to enhance their communication services at two of 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 and John H. Baker, Jr. Public Safety Center. AT&T service will be added to the existing communications services provided on the DAS. AT&T will reimburse the County for the cost to add their equipment to the facilities.

Strategic Plan: This action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: The Public Safety Element of the County Capital Fund provided funding for the original installation of the Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) in the two County facilities and contains planned future funding for their life-cycle replacement. The FY 2025 expenditures related to this effort are estimated to be \$25,751.84. These expenditures are supported by an increased appropriation of \$25,751.84 in revenue. This action will increase the FY 2025

expenditure and revenue budgets of the Public Safety Element of the County Capital Fund.

In accordance with the referenced Licensed Agreement, the County has no fiscal impact from the installation of AT&T services on the County's DAS as AT&T is reimbursing the County to add their equipment and there are no ongoing costs for the cellular service.

Additional Information:

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

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 Licenses are 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 will coordinate and pay for the work required to install AT&T's equipment. AT&T will reimburse the County for all costs associated with that installation.

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

Attachments:

1. Budget Memo – FY2025 County Capital Fund – Public Safety