



WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 10, 2019

DATE: Thursday, December 05, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Craig Betts, Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the renewal of the lease agreement "Mt. Rose/Galena Communication Facilities Lease Agreement" between Washoe County and High Sierra Communications, Inc. for one (1) year, [\$28,976.40], and to retroactively pay unpaid lease fees for fiscal year 2018-2019, [\$27,861.92], to support continued use of the Mt. Rose communication facility by the Washoe County Regional Communication System. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Washoe County, through the Washoe County Regional Communication System (WCRCS), operates a public safety radio communication network that serves public safety, law enforcement and emergency response organizations in the region. The WCRCS relies on a number of third party-owned sites and equipment to operate and occasionally must update or renew lease agreements with the lessors.

Staff recommends approval to renew the lease agreement "Mt. Rose/Galena Communication Facilities Lease Agreement" between Washoe County and High Sierra Communications, Inc. for an additional (1) year term and to retroactively pay unpaid lease fees for fiscal year 2018-2019, to support continued use of the Mt. Rose communication facility by the Washoe County Regional Communication System.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 17, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners approved the lease agreement between Washoe County and High Sierra Communications, Inc., "Mt. Rose/Galena Communication Facilities Lease Agreement" for use by the Washoe County Regional Communication System.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Regional Communication System (WCRCS) is critical public safety communications infrastructure. Staff of the WCRCS maintain equipment at twelve mountain-top tower and building sites located throughout the county. The Mt. Rose site (located on Relay Peak) provides public safety radio coverage for the west Truckee River canyon extending as far west as Truckee, California, and east to the Somerset area in western Reno.

Washoe County has maintained a lease for the Mt Rose communication facility since 2006 and intends to extend the lease as the WCRCS builds out the next generation of radio system starting in 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action will extend the lease term for an additional one (1) year. The total lease fees for fiscal year 2019-2020 will be [\$28,976.40]. The retroactive lease payment for fiscal year 2018-2019 will be [\$27,861.92]. The fiscal year 2019-2020 Budget has sufficient budget authority in the Washoe County Regional Communications System Fund (210), RCS Operations (210010).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the renewal of the lease agreement “Mt. Rose/Galena Communication Facilities Lease Agreement” between Washoe County and High Sierra Communications, Inc. for one (1) year, [\$28,976.40], and to retroactively pay unpaid lease fees for fiscal year 2018-2019, [\$27,861.92], to support continued use of the Mt. Rose communication facility by the Washoe County Regional Communication System.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to approve the renewal of the lease agreement “Mt. Rose/Galena Communication Facilities Lease Agreement” between Washoe County and High Sierra Communications, Inc. for one (1) year, [\$28,976.40], and to retroactively pay unpaid lease fees for fiscal year 2018-2019, [\$27,861.92], to support continued use of the Mt. Rose communication facility by the Washoe County Regional Communication System.”