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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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Chief Information Officer

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Re: Authority to amend a license agreement (IT-761) with the New York State Police to install three (3) additional antennas and related equipment on a radio tower located in Mountain Lakes Park, North Salem, New York.

In the 1970s, the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Police (the "State"), constructed a public safety radio tower at a site in the County's Mountain Lakes Park, in the Town of North Salem, pursuant to a license agreement entered into by the County and the State. The agreement had a term of five (5) years and contemplated that the agreement would be renewed every five (5) years upon the mutual agreement of the parties. As consideration for this grant of license by the County, the State allowed the County to install some of its own antennas on the State tower. The County also allows the State to house the necessary ancillary equipment for its antenna in the County's equipment shelter at the site. The original license agreement was apparently never formally renewed.

A resolution was approved on November 17, 2005 authorizing the County to enter into a license agreement with the State in order to allow the County to formalize the continuing arrangement in writing and to allow the County to install additional antennas on the tower. The term of the agreement was five (5) years, with the State having the option to renew the agreement for an additional five (5) years. The agreement was duly executed. Thereafter, the State exercised its option to renew the agreement and an amendment was duly executed.

Authorization is now sought to allow the County to amend its agreement with the State in order to allow the County to install three (3) additional antennas and related equipment on the tower. All other terms and conditions of the agreement, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

This radio tower and associated shelter houses equipment and antennas that are critical components of County radio systems used for Police, Fire, and EMS communications and for operation of the Bee Line bus system. These radio systems serve a public purpose because they allow first responders and other government personnel to serve Westchester's residents by safeguarding their property and health and by coordinating the operation of the County's public bus system.

The goals and objectives of the agreement are to continue to operate critical County first responder and public transportation radio systems which require the use of antennas and equipment placed at strategically located sites that best cover Westchester. The Department of Information Technology ("DoIT"), along with the Departments of Emergency Services, Public Safety, and Public Works and Transportation monitor the radio systems that utilize the Mt. Lakes radio site to make sure that it best suits the County's needs.

Approval of the attached resolution by your Honorable Board is requested.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 11/12/2015 DEPUTY COUNTY SECRETARY

