COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE:

April 29, 2015

TO:

Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Christine Westrich, Director, Office of Emergency Management

SUBJECT:

Request for Authorization to enter into a revised Lease Agreement with the City of Milwaukee for the Engine 38 Tower Site in order to replace the previously adopted Lease Agreement of #14-815 which annotates infrastructure changes and clarifies responsibilities at the City of Milwaukee's Fire Department located at 8463 North Granville Road, Milwaukee, WI 53224

for implementation of the OASIS 800 MHz Public Safety Radio System

REQUEST

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is requesting authorization to revise the Lease Agreement for the Engine 38 Tower Site previously adopted as #14-815 in order to annotate an increase in tower height from 180 feet to 250 feet and additional infrastructure requirements. The Lease Agreement with the City of Milwaukee stands as one dollar (\$1.00) per year for a twenty-five (25) year term with the option to extend for an additional term of five (5) years. This tower rebuild is within the scope of the W0614 capital project, Build Out Ten Sites to Digital, encompassing migration from analog to digital of the OASIS 800 MHz Public Safety Radio System.

BACKGROUND

The previously adopted Lease Agreement was not adopted by the City of Milwaukee Common Council, nor signed by any County department head or elected official. Since the adoption by the County Board of Supervisors in #14-815, there have been necessary infrastructure changes and responsibility clarifications coordinated between the County and City of Milwaukee. The City of Milwaukee has requested annotations of such and detailed herein as a revised agreement.

Currently, the County operates a radio tower site at 8463 North Granville Road, Milwaukee, WI, 53224 located on City of Milwaukee property where the Milwaukee Fire Department's Engine 38 is located.

The current tower is 180 feet high with one Existing Generator on site. The rebuild of the tower will increase the height to 250 feet meeting public safety radio requirements for the successful operations of the City of Milwaukee's Open Sky digital system.

The revised Lease Agreement annotates the addition of a New Generator on-site to meet the power requirements of additional radio equipment owned by both the County and City of Milwaukee. The County is responsible for build-out of the New Tower, County-owned equipment, New Shelter, New Generator, approach access, perimeter fencing, snowplowing, New Tower Site maintenance, licenses and permits.

Build-out includes the addition of a New Shelter and New Generator within the New Tower perimeter fencing and an analog interconnection between the basement of Engine 38 and the New Tower via underground conduit or overhead protective ice bridge.

The City is responsible for demolition and removal of the old tower, City-owned equipment, the Existing Generator, all utility expenses including gas and electric, and lawn maintenance.

The revised Lease Agreement annotates the placement of all City-owned equipment and antennae as the sole responsibility of the City.

Currently, the Office of Emergency Management is implementing the capital project WO614, Build Out Ten Sites to Digital, also known as the digital migration of the OASIS 800 MHz Public Safety Radio System.

This replacement 250-foot tower at the City of Milwaukee's Engine 38, 8463 Granville Road, Milwaukee, WI, 53224 is one of the ten sites in the project. It is necessary to replace the existing tower and related equipment in order to migrate from analog to digital.

The Lease Agreement's cost to the County remains unchanged at one dollar (\$1.00) per year for a term of twenty-five (25) years with the option to extend for an additional five (5) year term.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of the Office of Emergency Management respectfully requests authorization to revise the Lease Agreement for the Engine 38 Tower Site previously adopted as #14-815 in order to record infrastructure changes and to clarify responsibilities of the County and City of Milwaukee.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal change to the revised Lease Agreement. The Engine 38 Tower Site rebuild is part of the capital project W0614, Build Out Ten Sites to Digital. The original contract was authorized for execution by Milwaukee County Resolution #13-886, for a not to exceed of \$17,751,797.

Christine Westrich

Director, Office of Emergency Management

Attachments: Engine 38 Revised Lease Agreement 4.29.2015

Resolution Engine 38 Revised Lease Agreement 4.29.2015 Fiscal Note Engine 38 Revised Lease Agreement 4.29.2015

cc: Chris Abele, County Executive

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