

Legislation Text

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Subject:

Permission to execute lease agreement with NOAA on County-owned property and approval of resolution per Section 125.35 Florida Statutes

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no impact to the General Fund. NOAA will pay an annual rent of \$6,000 (\$500 per month) to cover maintenance and operation of the property.

Dept/Office:

Utility Services/Emergency Management

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve the resolution per Section 125.35 Florida Statutes and authorize the County Manager to execute a five (5) year lease agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations (NOAA) for the transmission and reception of weather and emergency broadcast communications on the FAA-owned tower located at the Brevard County Wastewater Treatment Plant, 10001 North Wickham Rd., Viera, Florida. It is further requested that the County Manager or his designee be authorized to execute the lease and any additional changes, documents, or budget actions, as well as any amendments to the lease, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office & Risk Management. It is also requested that the payments made to the County will be directed to the Brevard County Utility Services Department to cover maintenance and operation of the Property.

Summary Explanation and Background:

On September 7, 2010 the Board executed a ten (10) year Lease Agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations (NOAA) for housing a weather station on County-owned property at the Brevard County Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 10001 North Wickham Rd., Viera, Florida. In 2019, the Board authorized a short-term lease agreement; while waiting for the tower owner, the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA), to improve or relocate the structure. A project that, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, has been delayed. Therefore, the staff is requesting authorization to sign a five-year agreement with NOAA; as an extension of the current lease, while the FAA determines its next course of action.

The lease agreement serves a public purpose as NOAA's antennas and equipment are instrumental in providing service to a significant portion of the population in this area. The rental payments made to the County will assist the County in paying for the maintenance and operation of the property.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

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