



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of a lease with the City of Bend for use of rooftop space at 1164 NW Bond Street in Bend, for drone operations through its police department

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Document No. 2026-0001, a Lease with the City of Bend for use of +/- 532 square feet of rooftop space at 1164 NW Bond Street in Bend for drone operations through its police department.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Through careful evaluation, the Bend Police Department (Bend PD) identified the rooftop at the Deschutes County Courthouse located at 1164 NW Bond Street in Bend as an ideal location to establish a docked drone with an airspace safety system allowing for drone operations to assist first responders in emergencies throughout the surrounding community.

County Facilities, in collaboration with Bend PD, determined the rooftop footprint and location for required infrastructure (including power and internet connection) that will need to be installed to support drone operations. This infrastructure will be established at the sole cost and expense of the City of Bend.

The District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office and State Courts are in support of establishing drone operations at the Courthouse.

The lease includes an initial one-year term at \$119/month with 3% annual increases with one-year extension options. Bend will pay \$16/month for utilities with 4% annual increases. The lease may be terminated with a 30-day written notice by either party.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Rent at \$119/month with 3% annual increases and utilities at \$16/month with 4% annual increase.

ATTENDANCE:

Kristie Bollinger – Deschutes County Property Management