

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Approval of IGA with Georgia Forestry Commission for Tower Space

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**Department:** Procurement

**Meeting Date:** April 7th, 2026

**Item Description:** Consideration to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Forestry Commission for use of tower space at 2800 Courthouse Road, Guyton.

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends Alternative 1 – Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Forestry Commission for tower space..

### **Executive Summary / Background:**

The Georgia Forestry Commission has submitted a new Intergovernmental Agreement with the Effingham County Board of Commissioners for the space it currently utilizes on the County's radio communications tower located at 2800 Courthouse Road, Guyton. According to the transmittal letter dated March 11, 2026, the new agreement term will run from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and includes five one-year renewal options. The letter also states that the remaining terms and conditions are the same as the current lease, which is set to expire June 30, 2026.

Under the agreement, Effingham County will lease tower premises to the Georgia Forestry Commission for placement of radio equipment. The agreement identifies the tower site at 2800 Courthouse Road and provides that the Georgia Forestry Commission will have access to the premises for installation, maintenance, and repair of its equipment. The annual rental rate is \$10.00 per year for the initial term, with each of the five renewal options also set at \$10.00 per year. The Georgia Forestry Commission is responsible for utilities associated with its use of the premises, while the County remains responsible for repair and maintenance of the tower and equipment building.

### **Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Forestry Commission for tower space.
2. Do not approve the agreement.
3. Provide staff with direction

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2, 3

**Department Review:** Procurement

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Attachments:** IGA with GA Forestry Commission