



**City Council Agenda  
December 09, 2024**

**Minutes Resolution**

**Action Item**

**Agenda Description:**

Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of the amendment to the Communications System Agreement with Johnson County.

**Background Information:**

Each year, the county revises the radio user rates for its communication system to ensure the system remains funded and sustainable. The objective of this adjustment is to equitably distribute operating costs among all users, with the goal of breaking even. In September, an amendment to the basic user agreement outlining these adjustments is distributed to agencies for their acceptance. Once signed, the agreement is submitted to the Commissioners Court for approval and the County Judge's signature.

The calculation of the radio user rates involves a comprehensive review of the system's maintenance costs. This includes expenses such as fuel, tower maintenance, connection agreements with the City of Fort Worth, contracts with Motorola for maintenance and upgrades, and costs associated with connections between towers. These total expenses are divided by the number of active radios on the system to determine an annual cost per radio, which is further divided by 12 to establish the monthly fee.

The fee structure includes two schedules. For agencies without their own dispatch center, the calculation accounts for the maintenance costs of dispatch consoles. This cost is separate from the Sheriff's Office's charges for dispatcher services and covers only equipment maintenance. This amount is then divided among users and added to their standard radio fee.

**Financial Information:**

USER shall pay the County an Annual Subscriber Unit Fee in the amount of \$29.30 per month, per subscriber radio, payable in advance on an annual basis for all active radio IDs issued to USER at the time of the annual billing.

**City Contact and Recommendations:**

Alice Holloway, City Secretary

**Attachments:**

- 1. Amendment Agreement**