

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Trunking Extender Agreement with Piedmont University

DATE:8/20/2024

RECOMMENDATION
 POLICY DISCUSSION
 STATUS REPORT
 OTHER

BUDGET INFORMATION:
ANNUAL-
CAPITAL-

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: 9/16/2024

PURPOSE: As part of the new radio system project Habersham County will install and maintain a trunking network extender at Piedmont University. The attached agreement outlines both parties responsibilities for the device.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY: Piedmont University's campus was identified as needing in-door radio coverage by first responders. Our vendor's engineers designed a trunking network extender to be installed on campus to provide in-door radio coverage. Habersham County will have the device installed and will maintain the device. Piedmont University will house the device and provide power and maintenance access when required.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- a. Piedmont University's campus has many buildings with poor radio coverage
 - b. The trunking network extender will provide needed in-door radio coverage for first responders
 - c. The trunking network extender is part of the SPLOST radio system project
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OPTIONS:

- 1)Approve the agreement with Piedmont University on both parties' responsibilities for the trunking network extender.
 - 2)Deny the agreement with Piedmont University on both parties' responsibilities for the trunking network extender.
 - 3)Commission directed option.
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RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION: I make a motion to approve the agreement between Habersham County and Piedmont University for the trunking network extender.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Tom Priddy

Director Lynn Smith _____

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS:** _____

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager

**AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE HABERSHAM
COUNTY P25-700/800MHz TRUNKING NETWORK EXTENDER BETWEEN
PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY AND HABERSHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 13th day of August, 2024 by and between **HABERSHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA** a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as the “County”, with an office and place of business being located at the County Administration Building, 130 Jacobs’s Way, Clarkesville, Georgia 30523, by and through its duly authorized governing authority, its Board of Commissioners and **PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY**, hereinafter referred to as “Piedmont”.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County is constructing a new public safety two-way radio network to support first responders with vital communications and structures county-wide; and

WHEREAS, structures on the Piedmont campus currently do not have adequate two-way indoor coverage for first responders; and

WHEREAS, the County and Piedmont recognize the need to extend the network coverage to the structures located on the Piedmont campus for the protection and safety of both the first responders and the students, faculty and others on campus; and

WHEREAS, the County has included within its new P25-700/800MHz Trunking Network, which is currently under construction, a trunking network extender (hereinafter “equipment”) to be installed on the Piedmont campus to provide indoor coverage; and

WHEREAS, the County and Piedmont have been identified the structures requiring indoor coverage; and

WHEREAS, Piedmont is desirous and agreeable to allowing the County to install the trunking network extender at Stewart Hall at no cost to Piedmont while acknowledging the benefits for public safety, health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Piedmont agrees to house the necessary equipment and provide electrical service to the equipment; and

WHEREAS, the County assumes responsibility for the installation and maintenance of the equipment during its lifespan; and

WHEREAS, Piedmont agrees to provide access to the equipment locations for annual maintenance checks and service calls when the devices are malfunctioning; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of all students, faculty and citizens of the County to cooperate with each other, committing to the installation and use of the trunking network extender;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt, adequacy and sufficiency of which being hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

A. County responsibilities:

1. The County shall construct a P25-700/800MHz Trunking Network Extender in Stewart Hall on the campus of Piedmont at no cost to Piedmont.
2. The County shall be responsible for all maintenance of the equipment during its lifespan including, but not limited to, annual maintenance and malfunction service calls.

B. Piedmont responsibilities:

1. Piedmont shall house the equipment in Stewart Hall on the campus of Piedmont ("Property") and shall provide electrical service to the equipment.
2. Piedmont shall provide prompt access to the equipment location for annual maintenance checks and problem troubleshooting and repairs. Accordingly, Piedmont hereby grants permission to the County, its authorized agents and employees, to enter upon the Property to maintain, repair and inspect the equipment and facilities whenever the County deems necessary. The County is also granted the right to enter upon the

Property and take whatever steps are necessary to correct any defects in the facilities.

SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this instrument as of the day and year first above written.

HABERSHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Witness

By: _____
Ty Akins - Chairman
Habersham County Board of Commissioners

Notary

PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Samantha Carter
Witness

By: Marshall M. Criser III
Name: Marshall M. Criser III
Title: President

Erin Forester
Notary

