



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 7/5/2017

TITLE:

Acquisition of Bucks Elbow Mountain Easement

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Resolution to approve the acquisition of easements on Bucks Elbow Mountain for the construction of a new ECC wireless service facility.

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Walker, Letteri, Kamptner, Herrick, Hanson, Elias

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Douglas C. Walker

BACKGROUND: The Emergency Communications Center (ECC) as part of its regional 800 MHz radio infrastructure upgrade project, intends to replace the existing radio tower at 7045 Bucks Elbow Mountain Road in Albemarle County. The new structure, a metal 150 foot self-supporting tower, will replace the aging 120 foot guyed tower at this location. The tower and land are owned by Albemarle County. Like the existing tower, the replacement structure will continue to be used as a critical component of the regional public safety and public service radio systems, which serve Albemarle County, the City of Charlottesville, and the University of Virginia, and will be operated and maintained by the ECC. The tower also includes US Cellular as a commercial colocation tenant of the County. To build the new tower, a temporary construction deed of easement is needed so that equipment can be moved and stored on an adjoining parcel of property while construction is on-going.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Infrastructure Investment: Prioritize, plan, and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs.

DISCUSSION: The attached proposed deed of easement between NEPENTHE Land Corporation and the County of Albemarle (Attachment A) provides rights-of-way and easements necessary to complete this project.

BUDGET IMPACT: The budget for this project has been approved and appropriated. Because the agreed compensation of \$5,000 is well within the approved project budget, this action will have no impact on the current budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution to approve the Deed of Easement (Attachment A).

ATTACHMENTS:

- A - Deed of Easement
- B - Resolution

