



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 02/21 /2024

Department: Information Technology

Title: Comcast Dark Fiber Lease Agreement

Management Update/Work Session Date: 02/20/2024 Audio/Visual aids

Time Required: 15 Contact: Gary Christofferson Phone: 503-373-4455

Requested Action: We are seeking authorization to enter in to a 60-month lease agreement with Comcast for the continued use of Comcast Dark Fiber that connects Marion County's major sites.

Issue, Description & Background: Marion County utilizes Comcast Dark Fiber to connect major sites, Courthouse, Courthouse Square, Health and Human Services, Public Works, Center Street Campus, and the Aumsville Highway Campus together in a network. Marion County had an agreement with Comcast for over 20 years that provided Comcast Fiber for free however, that has ended, and the fee to use the Comcast Dark Fiber is at a rate of \$12,500 per month.

Financial Impacts: \$12,500 per month for a 5-year term for a total of \$750,000.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: Our major sites rely on the network connections between the sites to be able to connect to internal IT services and to the Internet. Without these connections, the County's work would come to a halt.

List of attachments: Comcast Lease Agreement

Presenter: Gary Christofferson

Department Head Signature:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of delegating authority)
to the board chair to sign the Dark)
Fiber Lease Agreement with Comcast)
Business Communications, LLC.)

ORDER No. _____

This matter came before the Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on February 28, 2024, to consider delegating authority to the Marion County Board of Commissioners, Chair to sign the Dark Fiber Lease Agreement with Comcast Business Communications, LLC.

WHEREAS, Marion County utilizes Comcast fiber optic cable to connect county sites; and

WHEREAS, Marion County had an agreement with Comcast for over 20 years that provided Comcast fiber optic cable (“Dark Fiber”) for free; and

WHEREAS, the agreement for free Comcast Dark Fiber has ended; and

WHEREAS, the fee to use the Comcast Dark Fiber is now at a rate of \$12,500 per month; and

WHEREAS, Marion County wishes to enter into a 60-month agreement with Comcast Business Communications, LLC, for the use of Comcast Dark Fiber to connect county sites; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Cameron is currently the board chair; now, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the board delegates to the board chair, Kevin Cameron, the authority to sign the Dark Fiber Lease Agreement with Comcast Business Communications, LLC.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 28th day of February 2024

Marion County Board of Commissioners

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner