



# Livingston County

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To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

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Re: Resolution to Extend the Term of the Lease Agreement with American Tower Corporation (GTP Acquisition Partners II, LLC) for the tower located at 3254 S. Latson, Howell

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Livingston County has been leasing tower space for 800MHz radio communications at 3254 S. Latson Rd since February 2000. This site is currently public safety's only voice communications site in Livingston County which connects us to the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS).

The MPSC provides statewide public safety communications to responders in all 83 Michigan counties. Without this tower site, public safety's ability to communicate effectively with one another and other public safety agencies outside of Livingston County would be non-existent.

This one tower site has seven (7) antennas and began with a monthly cost of \$2,450.00 and twenty-five years later we are paying \$6,280.00 monthly. This new lease term extension will start on April 1, 2025, at a cost of \$4,700 monthly. April 1, 2026, will see an annual escalator of 4%. This new monthly cost will provide 911 Central Dispatch with a savings of \$14,220.00 in 2025.

The lease term extension is set for five (5) years followed by three (3) five (5) year renewal terms. At least one hundred eight (180) days prior to the end of that existing term, either party may make notification in writing of their intent to not renew the agreement.

The lease term extension will begin on April 1, 2025, with a new monthly fee of \$4,700.00 and beginning April 1, 2026, there will be an annual escalator of 4%.

I cannot stress how important it is to extend the lease agreement with American Tower, as there are no other options for public safety. The population of Livingston County is over 196,000 and still growing yet we have only one 800MHz tower for a sheriff department, seven (7) local police

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agencies, a Countywide EMS system, Michigan State Police (MSP) and eight (8) fire departments.

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