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Joint Communication

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Staff *DA Beck*
DATE: 06-27-05
RE: Radio tower acquisition and land lease

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Zimmer Radio of Mid-Missouri wishes to donate a radio communication tower to the City of Columbia for Public Safety use.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Safety Joint Communications System has numerous transmitter and receiver sites throughout Boone County. It is these site locations that allow county wide radio coverage for Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement radio traffic.

We are in the process of losing the existing tower site location in the Rocheport area.

Zimmer Radio group has an existing radio tower in the same area that would provide even better coverage than the present site.

Zimmer Radio group has no present use for the tower and would donate the same to the City of Columbia for Public Safety use. This tower is valued at approximately \$45,000.00. The tower site is on private property and would require a negotiated lease agreement.

Potential fiscal impact would involve the land lease and property rental.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

It is recommended that should council agree, they direct staff to pursue donation of the tower with Zimmer, and negotiate a lease agreement with the property owner.

Fiscal Impact

YES XXX

NO

Other Info.

*Costs would be
provided in
JCIC Budget
to user agencies
since it serves
a community-
wide.*

Beck