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To: Judge Keith Self
Commissioner Fletcher
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From: Caren Skipworth, IT Director

Date: June 28th, 2016

Re: Elections Department - AT&T Control Center – Cellular Data Plan Process Change

The Information Technology Department would like to inform Commissioner's Court on behalf Elections Department that a new process has been put in place for Mi-fi and Gobi card suspension/activation. The reason why the new process was put in place by AT&T is because the option for suspension/activation was removed from the DIR contract. In order to meet their new process change the Information Technology Department is required to purchase an AT&T Control Center with one-time fee of \$500.00. With this control center in place, now IT will have the ability to place Election lines on a "penny suspension" plan at their determination instead of waiting on vendor to complete the request. This will aide in quicker process time by not having to wait for the vendor to complete request. The current price of data lines has not changed due to this process change. Please see attached document for current data line charges.

Devices: Currently about 160 devices, but adding 50 more this summer.

Months: Depending on how many elections each year. Usually between 4 – 8 months.

Cost: 210 devices x \$37.99/month x 6 months of the year is \$47,867.40. But with data sharing, prorated rates, and lesser plans the total will be less.