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To: Judge Keith Self
Commissioner Fletcher
Commissioner Thomas
Commissioner Williams
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Bill Bilyeu

From: Caren Skipworth, IT CIO

Date: February 12, 2018

Re: FirstNet Participation

Information Technology is requesting Commissioner's Court approval to "opt-in" to the FirstNet - First Responder Network. FirstNet is a dedicated public safety communications network spectrum that is available to only designated FirstNet public safety first responders.

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to provide emergency responders with the first nationwide, high-speed, broadband network dedicated to public safety. The NTIA is an Executive Branch agency that is principally responsible for advising the President of the United States on telecommunications and information policy issues.

The statutory 90-day decision period for all U.S. Governors to "opt-in" or "opt-out" of the FirstNet proposed Radio Access Network (RAN) buildout plan concluded on December 28, 2017. All 50 states, 5 U.S. territories and Washington, D.C. have joined FirstNet.

Please refer to Court Agenda Item 38303 on 06-09-2014 where the dedicated FirstNet broadband network was presented by Homeland Security and Information Technology to Commissioner's Court.