

November 16-17, 2023

ITEM 209-2004-R1123

Request for Authorization to Execute an Amendment to the License Agreement for the Distributed Antenna System (DAS) at Bobcat Stadium; Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with BOR Policy 1003.6, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University to enter into an amended lease agreement with Crown Castle.

EXPLANATION

1. Crown Castle is the current provider of the distributed antenna system (DAS) that has been in place at Bobcat Stadium since October 2013. The DAS provides a carrier-neutral antenna system, whose purpose is to improve cellular voice and data performance throughout the property, including game days and is an amenity to MSU with any stadium-related uses.
 2. The license amendment extends the term for another 10 years and will terminate in October 2033.
 3. Currently, Verizon is the only active provider on the DAS; however, AT&T is expected to utilize the system within the next calendar year and discussions are also being held with T-Mobile and Dish Wireless.
 4. Existing agreement economics are via revenue sharing with a 75%/25% split in favor of Crown Castle. Per the terms of the amendment, the revenue sharing will increase for MSU to be a 50%/50% split which aligns with a recent third-party fair market valuation of the DAS.
 5. As part of the DAS renewal, Crown Castle will be updating the Node Locations and associated equipment.
 6. No new costs will be attributed to MSU.
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ATTACHMENTS

None