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2 **RESOLUTION: Authorize Lease Extension with US Cellular at Wittman Regional Airport**

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**TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

6 **WHEREAS**, United States Cellular Operating Company LLC (US Cellular) entered into a ground lease  
7 agreement with Winnebago County in May 2000 for the purpose of leasing property at Wittman Regional Airport for  
8 the construction and operation of cell phone towers; and

9 **WHEREAS**, US Cellular desires to exercise the first extension of the initial ground lease agreement, which  
10 will expire on May 14, 2020, by extending the terms of the lease agreement for five years with the adjusted rental  
11 rates for the first and subsequent five-year renewal option periods; and

12 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms of the lease agreement, US Cellular shall pay Winnebago County  
13 \$1,135.00 per month for rent. There shall be a 10% increase in rent every five years, should the lease agreement be  
14 subsequently extended; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Aviation Committee has reviewed the attached ground lease agreement extension and  
16 believes that its execution would be in the best interests of the citizens of Winnebago County.

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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby  
19 authorizes the Winnebago County Executive and the Winnebago County Clerk to extend the ground lease  
20 agreement between Winnebago County and United States Cellular Operating Company LLC for the purpose of  
21 continuing cell phone tower operations on Wittman Regional Airport property.

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23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of said Ground  
24 Lease is attached herewith and made a part of this Resolution by reference.

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26 Respectfully submitted by:  
27 **AVIATION COMMITTEE**

28 Committee Vote: **5-0**  
29 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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31 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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34 Mark L Harris  
35 Winnebago County Executive