

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-214

AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY FOR THE USE OF A RADIO TOWER SITE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE AUTHORITY'S NEW RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,400 FOR THE BASE YEARS WITH FIFTEEN (15) TWO-YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS WITH EACH OPTION PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED THAT AMOUNT

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks to lease a tower site owned by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County in order to support the Authority's new radio communications system; and

WHEREAS, this lease will be for a period of two (2) years commencing on or about January 1, 2007 to accommodate occupancy and obtainment of required permits; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has identified the Lake County tower site located at 30825 Euclid Avenue, Willowick, Ohio 44092-1056 as a tower that will provide the necessary coverage for the Authority's service area; and

WHEREAS, negotiations were conducted between the Authority and the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager deems acceptance of the lease agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County as negotiated, to be in the best interest of the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the lease agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, as negotiated, be and the same is hereby accepted as in the best interest of the Authority.

Section 2. That as part of said lease, the Authority shall retain options with the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County for fifteen (15) additional terms of two (2) years each for tower and ground space at the Willowick tower location.

Section 3. That the General Manager of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a lease with the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County for the provision of tower and ground space at the Willowick tower location and to exercise the renewal options.

Section 4. That said lease shall be payable from the General Fund, Programming & Planning Department, for a period of two (2) years with fifteen (15) two-year renewal options contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: November 21, 2006



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer




Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY FOR THE USE OF A RADIO TOWER SITE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE AUTHORITY'S NEW RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,400 FOR THE BASE YEARS WITH FIFTEEN (15) TWO-YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS WITH EACH OPTION PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED THAT AMOUNT	Resolution No.: 2006-214
	Date: 11/15/2006
	Initiator: Service Management
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: The purpose of the Radio Tower Lease is to facilitate the installation of RTA's radio antennas on that tower. These antennas will improve the 900 MHz radio coverage, which is inadequate with the original existing towers.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The two radio towers (at Schaaf Road and in Beachwood) do not provide sufficient radio coverage. The radio antennas on this Lake County tower will improve the coverage on the east side of Cuyahoga County. There will be 3 new antennas on that tower.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: The tower is owned by Lake County. The lease will be \$16,200/year for 2 years, with the option for 15 renewal terms, for a total of 32 years with no escalation.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does Not Apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does Not Apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This agreement is payable from the General Fund, Programming & Planning Department Budget for an Annual fee of \$16,200/year contingent upon appropriation of funds.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: The Lake County tower is well situated to improve 900 MHz coverage. While there might be other existing towers that could provide a similar improvement, the terms of the lease are more favorable than current agreements that RTA has for the use of other radio towers. Selection of another tower would significantly delay completing this project, as it would be necessary to request the location change from the FCC with no guarantee of approval because of a freeze on 900 MHz licenses at this time.

- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This agreement was reviewed by the Operations Committee at their November 14, 2006 meeting and recommended for approval by the Board of Trustees. Staff recommends authorization for the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to enter into this lease agreement.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer