

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JULY 16, 2024 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Authorization of a contract with Windstream Services, LLC, for the purchase of dark fiber connectivity equipment and services.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Information Technology Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Emily Cox Acting City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Windstream Services, LLC, for the purchase of equipment and Internet service to connect to a Fiber-Based Telecommunications Network owned by Windstream at Rebsamen Golf Course Clubhouse and for internet services at Rebsamen Golf Course Fuel Site and Rebsamen Golf Course Maintenance Shop.</p>	
<p>FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The total cost of this purchase is \$80,54250, plus applicable taxes and fees, and funds are allocated in the Information Technology Budget, Account No. 103030-63211 (\$29,602.20) and the East Little Rock Community Center Broadband American Rescue Plan Act, Account No. 2704590-G0601AR45A (\$50,976.00)</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>The City needs fiber-based communications assets to meet important public telecommunications goals and to improve the availability of services and information for the residents of Little Rock. These fiber laterals will connect the Rebsamen Golf Course Clubhouse to the City’s network. Windstream Services, LLC, has a Franchise Agreement that provides for dark fiber that the City can utilize to create the required connection for these locations.</p>	

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Only Windstream Services, LLC, is authorized to install a lateral connection to, and provide Internet service on their Core Fiber Network. The services are to be procured utilizing the TIPS Contract Cooperative Purchasing Program, Contract No. 230105.

The term of the Rebsamen Golf Course Maintenance Shop Service Agreement is twelve (12) months, and the initial term of the Clubhouse Service Agreement will be for thirty-six (36) months.

Little Rock, Ark., Resolution 15,524 (August 17, 2021) stated additional intended uses of a portion of the first tranche of the City's allotment of Local Fiscal Recovery funds through the American Rescue Plan Act for Expenditures of Lost Revenue on Governmental Services to install broadband at East Little Rock Community Center and hot spots at various parks for \$337,000.00