

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY

January 22, 2010

MEMO

TO: Dale Williams

County manager

FR: Todd D. Manning 10m

Network Specialist/Information Security Officer

RE: Dedicated Data Connection

The Board of County Commissioners has several critical networks and computer systems that require constant attention and cannot afford to wait until normal business hours for troubleshooting, repair and maintenance.

Mr. Manning is requesting the county spend \$252 dollars a month to connect a

T1 line to his house, which is about 12 minutes from his county job.

Unfortunately my only source of connectivity to the county facilities is through an Alltel Air Card that requires a cellular signal in order to access our network servers and systems. This connection is no longer a viable option for connectivity because the bandwidth and latency (speed) is too low.

I would like to request that the county replace the Alltel Air Card with a dedicated data connection to the county facilities for maintenance.

With the growing amount of systems I maintain and the new 911 network systems about to go live, I feel this dedicated connection could greatly increase my response times and quality of maintenance needed for our critical networks and systems that require 24x7 attention.

Attached is a quote from AT&T for a proposed dedicated data connection for your review. Startup cost is \$1300.00 with a budgetary impact of \$3,024.00 annually.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

BOARD MEETS FIRST THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.