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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

Item Number: 1.7

MEETING DATE: 11/18/2025
DEPARTMENT: COUNTY COUNSEL
AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Rebekah Mojica
DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Gregory Priamos

SUBJECT:

COUNTY COUNSEL - G. PRIAMOS

1. Approve Agreement with Andrew J. Campanelli of Campanelli & Associates for Legal Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for Representation in T-Mobile West LLC and VB BTS II, LLC v. County of San Benito, et al., U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, Civil Action No. 5:25-cv-07760;

2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the agreement; and

3. Authorize the County Counsel to administer the agreement.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 160

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The County is a defendant in *T-Mobile West LLC and VB BTS II, LLC v. County of San Benito, et al.*, filed in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California (Civil Action No. 5:25-cv-07760). The lawsuit challenges the County's denial of a conditional use permit for a 90-foot wireless "monopine" tower proposed by Vertical Bridge at 358 Seely Avenue. Plaintiffs allege that the denial effectively prohibits personal wireless service in the area, violates the Federal Communications Act, and lacks substantial evidence.

To expedite County defense and work on the matter in light of the federal litigation deadlines, an agreement was entered with Attorney Andrew J. Campanelli of Campanelli & Associates, P.C., who has extensive experience in federal litigation and telecommunications matters. This item seeks Board approval to increase the contract cap from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and to authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, and County Counsel to administer, the agreement for legal services.

Attorney Campanelli's Qualifications

Attorney Campanelli brings extensive experience in federal litigation, including specific experience in Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (TCA) Litigation and Cell Tower & Wireless Facility Oppositions Nationwide. He has successfully opposed T-Mobile and other major carriers on numerous occasions.

Mr. Campanelli has handled over 7,000 cases, litigating more than 1,000 cases to conclusion in both state and federal courts. He specializes in defending local governments against federal actions under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. He has handled cell tower opposition matters from New York to California, providing representation, counsel, and guidance in defeating cell tower applications before local zoning authorities and boards, and assisting local governments in drafting and enacting local ordinances to regulate the installation of wireless facilities.

Mr. Campanelli's efforts have led to significant victories, including in cases specifically against T-Mobile, and he is well-qualified to represent the County in this federal Telecommunications Act case.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this agreement are already budgeted within County Counsel's FY 2025–2026 litigation budget (GL # 101.25.1210.1000.619.210). No additional budget adjustment is required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Campanelli & Associates](#)
[Retainer Agreement - T-Mobile et al v COSB et al](#)