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■Board of County Commissioners Rejects Pinnacle Towers Rezoning Application■

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners voted 3-0 to draft a resolution denying a scaled back telecommunications proposal from Florida-based Pinnacle Towers Inc. (PTI) for Eldorado Mountain. The resolution will be finalized at the April 30 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Although expressing his concern for finding a solution for the Lookout Mountain community, Commissioner Richard Sheehan motioned for denial in this case based on the following: no proof of legal access to the PTI site, incompatibility with surrounding land use (specifically the Boulder Labs), lack of tower consolidation and visual impact.

The Planning Commission had unanimously recommended denial in this case. The Planning Commission determined that the proposal is not in compliance with the Jefferson County Telecommunications Land Use Plan due to: unresolved access, unresolved fire protection and unresolved equipment issues. The proposal was also found to be unsuitable with surrounding land uses based on the visual impact the towers would have on the open space and parks in the area.

Pinnacle Towers Inc., headquartered in Sarasota, Fla., was asking the county to rezone 40 acres at the top of Eldorado Mountain to permit expansion of the existing Eldorado Communications Facility. The requested tower would be multi-use and could include high-definition and analog television as well as FM radio. The rezoning would also allow the construction and expansion of transmission buildings.

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