

RESOLUTION NO. 10-1

WHEREAS, at the Board's October 5, 2021, special meeting, the Board passed a motion authorizing Byron Deaner, Sangamon County's Director of Building and Grounds, to participate in an auction concerning the sale of real estate located at 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, and make an offer or offers on behalf of the County to purchase said real estate such that, if any offer so made was accepted, the County would be deemed the winning bidder at the auction and, after closing, would own and use the real estate for County purposes; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the County, on October 6, 2021, Mr. Deaner did submit a bid on behalf of the County for said real estate in the amount of \$1,250,000, which bid was deemed the winning bid at the auction; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with auction requirements, County Administrator Brian McFadden executed a PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH JOINT CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS and an ADDENDUM TO PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT on October 6, 2021, both attached hereto, pursuant to the implicit authority granted by the October 5, 2021, motion and his emergency purchasing powers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the aforesaid agreements, the County Administrator caused the earnest money deposit to be timely paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Sangamon County Board on this this 12th day of October, 2021, that the Board approves of and, to the extent required by Illinois law, ratifies the aforementioned acts of Byron Deaner and Brian McFadden and hereby recognizes that the County is a party bound to the terms of the PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH JOINT CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS and the ADDENDUM TO PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, both attached hereto.

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Sangamon County Clerk

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Andy Goleman
SANGAMON COUNTY AUDITOR

Approved by the _____ Finance _____ Committee _____ October 12 _____, 2021 _____

_____, Chairman

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

ITEM NO. 1000014971

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH JOINT CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS

Seller agrees to sell the Property to Buyer, and Buyer agrees to purchase the Property from Seller, in accordance with the terms of this Purchase and Sale Agreement with Joint Closing Instructions ("Agreement"). This Agreement is effective as of the date Seller signs this Agreement ("Effective Date").

1. KEY TERMS.

- (A) **Seller:** Gatehouse Media Illinois Holdings II, Inc.
 phone number: 585-598-6874 email address: mmaring@gannett.com
 mailing address: 175 Sully's Trail Third Floor, Pittsford, NY 14534
- (B) **Buyer:** Sangamon County
 phone number: 217-299-4649 email address: brian.mcfadden@co.sangamon.il.us
 mailing address: 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, IL 62704
- (C) **Purchase Price:** \$1,287,500.00 (which equals Buyer's offer price of \$1,250,000.00 plus a Ten-X Transaction Fee of \$37,500.00).
- (D) **Earnest Money Deposit:** \$128,750.00 (if blank, then 1.0% of the Purchase Price, but no less than \$50,000 or more than \$1,000,000).
- (E) **Property:** Address: One Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701 as legally described on Exhibit A, including all permanent improvements thereon (but excluding any personal property unless specifically identified by addendum or amendment to this Agreement).
- (F) **Closing Date:** _____ (if blank, then (i) 30 calendar days after the Effective Date). If the Closing Date falls on a weekend or a state or federally recognized holiday, the Closing Date shall be the next business day.
- (G) **Closing Agent:** Chicago Title Company contact: Jeni Harrigan
 address: 4911 Birch Street Newport Beach California 92660 phone number: 949-724-3110
 email address: Jeni.Harrigan@ctt.com
- (H) **Title Insurance Company:** Chicago Title Company
- (I) **Closing Cost Allocations:** As described in the Section below entitled "Closing Cost Allocations".

2. EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT. Buyer must deposit the Earnest Money Deposit with Closing Agent on or before 5:00 PM in the time zone where the Property is located on the first business day after Seller countersigns this Agreement. The Earnest Money Deposit is non-refundable except as set forth in this Agreement, and may be applied towards the amounts payable by Buyer under this Agreement. The escrow ("Escrow") for the purchase of the Property shall be opened upon Closing Agent's receipt of the Earnest Money Deposit and a fully-signed copy of this Agreement.

3. CLOSING. The transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be consummated ("Close" or "Closing") on or before the Closing Date.

4. CLOSING DELIVERIES.

- (A) **Seller's Deliveries.** On or before the Closing Date, Seller shall deliver the following to Closing Agent ("Seller's Deliveries"):
 - (i) The transfer deed warranting against title defects arising by, through or under Seller (in the form customarily used for similar transactions in the state where the Property is located) ("Deed") signed by Seller and acknowledged in accordance with the laws of the state in which the Property is located.
 - (ii) A Non-Foreign Transferor Declaration signed by Seller, or evidence reasonably acceptable to Closing Agent and Buyer that Seller is exempt from the withholding requirements of the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (FIRPTA), Internal Revenue Code Section 1445.
 - (iii) A counterpart of the "Settlement Statement" (defined below) signed by Seller.
 - (iv) A counterpart of the assignment and assumption of leases and contracts substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B ("Assignment of Leases and Contracts") signed by Seller.
 - (v) Any and all other instruments reasonably required by Closing Agent or otherwise necessary to Close the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(B) Buyer's Deliveries. On or before the Closing Date, Buyer shall deliver the following to Closing Agent ("Buyer's Deliveries"):

- (i) An amount in immediately available "good funds" equal to the Purchase Price (less the Earnest Money Deposit already deposited with Closing Agent), plus Buyer's share of closing costs, prorations and expenses as set forth in this Agreement.
- (ii) A counterpart of the Settlement Statement signed by Buyer.
- (iii) A counterpart of the Assignment of Leases and Contracts signed by Buyer.
- (iv) Any and all other instruments reasonably required by Closing Agent or otherwise necessary to Close the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

5. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CLOSING.

(A) Seller's Conditions. Seller's obligation to Close is conditioned upon the following:

- (i) All representations and warranties of Buyer in this Agreement shall have been true in all material respects as of the Effective Date.
- (ii) Buyer shall have performed in all material respects all covenants and obligations required to be performed by Buyer on or before the Closing Date.

(B) Buyer's Conditions. Buyer's obligation to Close is conditioned upon the following:

- (i) All representations and warranties of Seller in this Agreement shall have been true in all material respects as of the Effective Date.
- (ii) Seller shall have performed in all material respects all covenants and obligations required to be performed by Seller on or before the Closing Date.
- (iii) Title Insurance Company is irrevocably committed to issue to Buyer an owner's title insurance policy covering the Property with standard coverage customary in the state where the Property is located, showing liability in the amount of the Purchase Price and showing insurable title to the Property vested in Buyer, subject only to the following: (a) Title Insurance Company's standard exceptions; (b) liens for all current general and special real property taxes and assessments not yet due and payable; (c) liens of supplemental taxes, if any assessed; (d) any facts not shown by public records that an accurate survey and/or a personal inspection of the Property would have disclosed; (e) the mortgage/deed of trust/deed to secure debt lien in connection with any Buyer financing; (f) any laws, regulations, or ordinances regarding the use, occupancy, subdivision, or improvement of the Property, or the effect of any non-compliance with or any violation thereof; (g) rights of existing tenants and/or occupants of the Property, if any; (h) covenants, restrictions, easements, and other matters that do not materially impair the value or use of the Property; (i) non-monetary encumbrances disclosed to Buyer in writing prior to entering into this Agreement; and (j) any other matter for which Title Insurance Company agrees to provide insurance at no additional cost to Buyer.

(C) Duty to Cooperate in Good Faith to Resolve. Despite anything to the contrary in this Section, if either party learns that a closing condition is unlikely to be satisfied, such party shall promptly notify the other party, and both parties shall cooperate in good faith to fairly and promptly resolve the matter, and the party whose closing condition was not satisfied shall not be relieved of its obligation to Close unless (i) the other party fails to cooperate in good faith, (ii) fair and prompt resolution is not reached after the parties have cooperated in good faith, or (iii) fair and prompt resolution of the matter on or before the Closing Date would be impracticable.

(D) Waiver of Conditions. Either party may waive its respective closing conditions in its sole discretion. By proceeding to Closing, each party waives its respective closing conditions and irrevocably releases the other party from any liability arising from any facts known by such waiving party that would otherwise have resulted in a failure of a closing condition.

6. CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS TO CLOSING AGENT. At Closing, Closing Agent is irrevocably instructed to do the following:

- (A) Record the Deed.
- (B) Pay all fees, costs, deed and transfer taxes for the sale of the Property which are required to be paid by Seller and Buyer under this Agreement, the portion of any fees charged by Closing Agent which are payable by Seller and Buyer (if any) and other expenses relating to the sale of the Property which are required to be paid by Seller and Buyer.
- (C) Pay to Seller the balance of the Purchase Price and any other funds remaining after Closing.

Seller and Buyer acknowledge that Closing Agent shall have no liability in connection with its activity as Closing Agent except to the extent of Closing Agent's gross negligence, willful misconduct, or willful disregard of the terms of this Agreement.

7. COSTS AND PRORATIONS.

- (A) Pre-Closing Costs. Buyer and Seller acknowledge that Closing Agent may incur certain costs while processing this transaction which must be paid prior to Closing. Closing Agent is authorized and instructed to release funds for payment of such costs prior to Closing from funds deposited into Escrow by Buyer. Such funds are not refundable and Closing Agent is released from any liability for payment of any such funds pre-released through the Escrow. Closing Agent is authorized to charge the appropriate party for costs incurred, or credit the appropriate party for credits, as applicable at Closing or upon termination of this Agreement.
- (B) Prorations. The following shall be prorated as of the date of Closing, in each case based on the number of calendar days in the applicable period and in accordance with local customs: (i) all real property taxes, assessments, utilities and other operating expenses customarily apportioned in similar situations ("Property Expenses"), and (ii) all rents and other income actually received and customarily apportioned in similar situations ("Property Income"). Despite anything to the contrary in this Agreement, insurance premiums will not be prorated, and Seller may cancel any existing insurance on the Property after Closing. If either party receives Property Income or a refund of Property Expenses attributable, in whole or in part, to the other party's period of ownership, the party that received such Property Income or refund shall immediately submit to the other party the portion attributable to such other party's period of ownership. Except as set forth in this Agreement, Seller shall not be responsible for any Property Expenses accruing after Closing. This paragraph shall survive Closing indefinitely.
- (C) Closing Costs. Seller and Buyer shall pay closing costs as described in the Closing Cost Allocations (and Closing Agent is authorized to (i) pay Seller's costs from Seller's proceeds, and (ii) pay Buyer's costs from funds deposited into Escrow by Buyer).
- (D) Settlement Statement. On or before the third business day prior to Closing, Closing Agent shall prepare and deliver to Seller and Buyer a settlement statement setting forth the prorations and cost allocations set forth in this Agreement ("Settlement Statement").

8. TERMINATION AND CANCELLATION OF ESCROW.

- (A) Termination Resulting from Breach. If Closing does not or cannot occur on or before the Closing Date due to a breach of this Agreement by Buyer or Seller, then the non-breaching party may terminate this Agreement and cancel the Escrow by written notice to the breaching party and Closing Agent. If Buyer fails to timely deposit the Earnest Money Deposit, then Seller may immediately terminate this Agreement by written notice to Buyer. Upon any such termination and/or cancellation, the breaching party shall pay any cancellation fees of Closing Agent and Title Insurance Company. If Seller is the breaching party, Closing Agent shall return the Earnest Money Deposit to Buyer, and Buyer shall be entitled to pursue remedies at law or in equity. If Buyer is the breaching party, then the following shall apply:

BUYER AND SELLER AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE SELLER'S ACTUAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM A BREACH BY BUYER. IN THE EVENT OF A BREACH BY BUYER, SELLER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT AS LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND AS SELLER'S EXCLUSIVE REMEDY. BUYER AGREES THAT SUCH AMOUNT IS A REASONABLE PRE-ESTIMATE OF SELLER'S ACTUAL DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT AND IS NOT A PENALTY. IF CLOSING AGENT IS IN POSSESSION OF THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT, THEN CLOSING AGENT SHALL DELIVER THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT TO SELLER. DESPITE THE FOREGOING, IF APPLICABLE LAW LIMITS THE AMOUNT OF THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PAYABLE TO SELLER UPON A BREACH BY BUYER, SELLER SHALL ONLY BE ENTITLED TO THE AMOUNT PERMITTED BY LAW, AND ANY EXCESS SHALL BE PROMPTLY RETURNED TO BUYER.

SELLER'S INITIALS _____/_____

BUYER'S INITIALS _____/_____

- (B) Costs Upon Termination and Cancellation of Escrow. Except as otherwise set forth in this Section, upon termination of this Agreement and cancellation of Escrow pursuant to this Section, Seller and Buyer shall be jointly responsible for any cancellation fees of Closing Agent and Title Insurance Company, and all other costs incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including, without limitation, payments for loan applications, inspections, appraisals, and other reports) shall be the sole responsibility of the party incurring such costs.
- (C) Closing Agent Authorization. If Closing Agent receives a written notice from a party to cancel the Escrow in accordance with this Section 8, and Closing Agent can confirm that the other party also received the notice, Closing Agent is authorized to comply with the notice if Closing Agent does not receive a written objection within 10 calendar days after such other party received the notice.

9. BUYER'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Buyer represents and warrants to Seller as follows:

- (A) **Authority.** Buyer has the necessary authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement. If Buyer is an entity, the natural person signing this Agreement on behalf of Buyer represents and warrants that (i) Buyer is duly formed and in good standing and (ii) the natural person signing on behalf of Buyer has the necessary authority to bind Buyer to this Agreement.
- (B) **Property Condition and Attributes.** Prior to entering into this Agreement, Buyer had the opportunity to conduct Buyer's own due diligence and investigations. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, Buyer's obligations under this Agreement are not contingent on any further due diligence and/or investigation. Buyer acknowledges that the square footage of the Property (including the square footage of the lot and any improvements thereon) is deemed approximate and not guaranteed. Buyer acknowledges that except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Agreement or in written disclosures to Buyer signed by Seller, (i) Seller does not make, and expressly disclaims, any representation or warranty, express or implied, regarding the Property, and (ii) Buyer acknowledges and agrees that Seller is selling the Property "As Is, Where Is, With All Faults and Limitations" and Seller shall have no liability for or any obligation to make any repairs or improvements of any kind to the Property.
- (C) **Disclosures.** Prior to entering into this Agreement, Buyer has received (or, to the extent not received, Buyer irrevocably waives) all disclosure documents required to be provided by or on behalf of Seller or Seller's representatives. Reports furnished by or on behalf of Seller shall be for informational purposes only and are not made part of this Agreement unless required under applicable law.
- (D) **Sophisticated Buyer.** Buyer (i) is a sophisticated purchaser, (ii) is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of purchasing the Property, (iii) understands and is able to bear the economic risks of purchasing the Property, including, without limitation, a total loss of investment and/or the risk that Buyer may be required to hold the Property indefinitely.

10. SELLER'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Seller represents and warrants to Buyer as follows:

- (A) **Authority.** Seller has the necessary authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement. If Seller is an entity, the natural person signing this Agreement on behalf of Seller represents and warrants that (i) Seller is duly formed and in good standing and (ii) the natural person signing on behalf of Seller has the necessary authority to bind Seller to this Agreement.
- (B) **Property Condition and Attributes.** Except as would not be reasonably expected to have a material adverse effect on the value or ongoing business or operation of the Property, the written information regarding the Property provided to Buyer by or on behalf of Seller, taken as a whole (i.e. including any updates or revisions provided, or any disclaimers in any information provided), fairly represents the Property. This paragraph shall not survive Closing.
- (C) **No Violations.** Except as disclosed in writing to Buyer prior to signing this Agreement, Seller's execution and performance of this Agreement will not result in any breach of, conflict with, or result in the creation of any encumbrance upon the Property pursuant to any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, note, evidence of indebtedness, right of first refusal, right of first offer, or any other agreement or instrument by which Seller is bound with respect to the Property.
- (D) **Leases.** Except for the leases (including any amendments) listed in Exhibit C ("Leases"), Seller knows of no other agreement with respect to the occupancy of the Property that will be binding on Buyer after Closing, and to Seller's knowledge, the information on Exhibit C and copies of any Leases delivered by Seller to Buyer are true, correct and complete in all material respects. Except as disclosed in writing to Buyer prior to signing this Agreement and except as would not be reasonably expected to have a material adverse effect on the ongoing business or operation of the Property, to Seller's actual knowledge, (i) each of the Leases is in full force and effect; (ii) there are no uncured material defaults under any of the Leases or circumstances which with the giving of notice, the passage of time or both would constitute a material default under any of the Leases; (iii) there are no unsatisfied concessions, abatements, offsets, defenses or other basis for relief or adjustment under any of the Leases; (iv) there is no outstanding obligation to provide any tenant with an allowance to perform any tenant improvements; (v) no tenant has requested in writing a modification of its Lease or a release of any material obligation under its Lease, or has given written notice terminating its Lease, or has been released of any material obligation under its Lease prior to the normal expiration of the term of the Lease; (vi) no tenant is the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding; (vii) no guarantor has been released or discharged from any obligation in connection with any Lease; and (viii) all brokerage commissions currently due and payable with respect to the Leases have been paid.
- (E) **No Litigation.** Except as disclosed in writing to Buyer prior to signing this Agreement, there is no pending litigation affecting the Property or that would affect Seller's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- (F) **No Mechanics' Liens.** Except as disclosed in writing to Buyer prior to signing this Agreement, there are no unsatisfied mechanics' or materialmen's lien rights concerning the Property.

11. SELLER'S COVENANTS.

- (A) Possession. At Closing, Seller shall relinquish possession of the Property to Buyer (subject to the Leases) and promptly provide Buyer with all keys, codes and other means of Property access in Seller's possession.
- (B) Utilities. Seller shall reasonably cooperate with Buyer prior to Closing to allow Buyer to obtain responsibility for and maintain access to applicable utilities following Closing.
- (C) Operation and Maintenance of Property. Prior to Closing, Seller shall maintain, and to the extent within Seller's reasonable control, operate, the Property consistent with past practice.
- (D) Leases and Contracts. Prior to Closing, Seller shall not enter into, terminate or amend any Lease or other material agreement with respect to the Property which would encumber or be binding upon the Property from and after Closing, without Buyer's prior written consent, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.
- (E) No Violations. Prior to Closing, Seller shall comply in all material respects with the terms of the Leases and any other material document or agreement affecting the Property consistent with past practice.
- (F) Notice of Material Changes or Untrue Representations. Prior to Closing, Seller shall promptly notify Buyer if Seller learns of any material change in any condition of the Property or any event or circumstance which makes any representation or warranty of Seller under this Agreement untrue or misleading.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION. AT THE REQUEST OF EITHER PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT, ANY DISPUTE ARISING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE FIRST SUBMITTED TO MEDIATION BEFORE A PARTY INITIATES ARBITRATION OR COURT ACTION. MEDIATION FEES SHALL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY AND EACH PARTY SHALL BEAR HIS/HER/ITS OWN ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS.

BUYER AND SELLER HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH AND AGREE TO SUBMIT DISPUTES ARISING OUT OF THE TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT TO MEDIATION PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ARBITRATION OR COURT ACTION.

SELLER'S INITIALS _____/_____

BUYER'S INITIALS _____/_____

13. MISCELLANEOUS.

- (A) Survival of Representations and Warranties. Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, (i) all representations and warranties of Seller and Buyer in this Agreement shall survive Closing for a period of one year, and (ii) no claim for breach of any representation or warranty in this Agreement may be made more than one year after Closing.
- (B) No Assignment or Recording. Buyer may not assign or record all or any part of this Agreement without the express prior written consent of Seller. Despite the foregoing, Buyer may assign this Agreement to any entity wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by Buyer; provided, however, that, in such event, the undersigned Buyer shall remain liable for the obligations of Buyer under this Agreement.
- (C) Casualty and Condemnation. If any material portion of the Property is damaged or taken by eminent domain (or is the subject of a pending taking) prior to Closing, Seller shall notify Buyer promptly after Seller obtains knowledge thereof. Within 10 business days after Buyer receives such written notice (if necessary, the Closing Date shall be extended until one business day after the expiration of such period), Buyer may, at its option, either (i) terminate this Agreement, or (ii) proceed to Closing in accordance with this Agreement. Buyer shall be deemed to have waived its right to terminate this Agreement if Buyer does not notify Seller in writing of its election to terminate this Agreement within such period. Buyer shall not be entitled to any insurance proceeds or obtain any rights with respect to any claims Seller may have with regard to insurance maintained by Seller with respect to the Property. In the event of a taking by eminent domain, Seller shall assign to Buyer at Closing all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to all awards, if any, for such taking.
- (D) Common Interest Development. If the Property is in a common interest development, unless otherwise required by law, Buyer acknowledges that Buyer was provided for review (or, to the extent not provided, Buyer waives any right to review) the declaration of covenants, conditions, restrictions and/or bylaws and other documentation regarding such common interest development and Buyer acknowledges that Buyer has reviewed such documentation to the fullest extent Buyer deems necessary and, by signing this Agreement, Buyer accepts the declaration of covenants, conditions, restrictions and/or bylaws of the common interest community.
- (E) Local Requirements. Some counties, cities, municipalities and other state subdivisions may require a certificate of occupancy, certificate of use or code compliance certificate and/or inspection ("Local Requirement") may be required in order to transfer and/or occupy the Property. If a Local Requirement is required for the Property to be transferred to or occupied by Buyer, Buyer waives such Local Requirements to the extent waivable. To the extent any such Local Requirement is not waivable by Buyer, Buyer shall comply with the Local Requirement at Buyer's sole cost, including, without limitation, the correction of any violations or performance of other work which may be required in connection therewith. Seller makes no representation as to whether a Local Requirement applies. Buyer shall indemnify, defend

and hold Seller harmless from and against all fines, penalties, costs, expenses, claims and liabilities arising out of or relating to any Local Requirements. This paragraph shall survive Closing indefinitely.

- (F) **Counterparts, Electronic Signatures, and Complete Agreement.** This Agreement and any addenda or other document necessary for Closing of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement may be signed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one document. Facsimile and electronic signatures shall have the same legal effect as original signatures. This Agreement and any addenda or other document necessary for Closing of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement may be accepted, signed or agreed to through the use of an electronic signature in accordance with the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (E-Sign Act), Title 15, United States Code, Sections 7001 et seq., the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act (UETA) and any applicable state law. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of Buyer and Seller with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes any other instruments purporting to be an agreement of Buyer and Seller relating to that subject matter. No modification of this Agreement will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by both parties.
- (G) **Severability.** If any portion of this Agreement is judicially determined to be invalid or unenforceable, that portion shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and be construed to fulfill the intention of the parties.
- (H) **Time Is of the Essence.** Time is of the essence for the performance of each and every covenant under this Agreement and the satisfaction of each and every condition under this Agreement.
- (I) **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed, applied and enforced in accordance with the laws of the state in which the Property is located. The state and federal courts located in the county in which the Property is located shall be proper forums for any legal controversy between the parties arising in connection with this Agreement, which courts shall be the exclusive forums for all such suits, actions or proceedings.
- (J) **Attorneys' Fees.** In any action, proceeding or arbitration arising out of this Agreement, the prevailing party (defined as the party who prevails as to a substantial part of the litigation or claim) shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
- (K) **Further Assurances.** The parties agree to execute such other documents, and to take such other actions as may reasonably be necessary, to further the purposes of this Agreement.
- (L) **Notices.** All notices and other communications contemplated under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given and received upon receipt if: (i) delivered personally; or (ii) mailed by registered or certified mail return receipt requested, postage prepaid; (iii) sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier; and/or (iv) sent by email. Notice to Buyer and Seller shall be given as set forth on the first page of this Agreement or to such other address or addresses as may from time to time be designated by either party by written notice to the other.
- (M) **Prohibited Persons and Transactions.** Each party represents and warrants to the other that neither it, nor any of its affiliates, nor any of their members, directors or other equity owners (excluding holders of publicly traded shares), and none of their principal officers and employees: (i) is listed as a "specifically designated national and blocked person" on the most current list published by the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Asset Control ("OFAC"); (ii) is a person or entity with whom U.S. persons or entities are restricted from doing business under OFAC regulations or any other statute or executive order (including the September 24, 2001 "Executive Order Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism"); and (iii) is engaged in prohibited dealings or transactions with any such persons or entities.
- (N) **Brokers.** In connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, Seller is represented by Listing Broker identified on the signature page hereto, Buyer is represented by Buyer's Broker identified on the signature page hereto, Ten-X is acting as the marketing firm and marketplace provider, and Seller and Buyer each represents and warrants that it has not dealt with any other broker, finder or other agent who would be entitled to any fee from Seller or Buyer. Seller and Buyer shall each indemnify and hold harmless the other from and against any claims, losses, costs, damages, liabilities or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising in connection with any breach by the indemnifying party of the representations and warranties in this paragraph. This paragraph shall survive Closing indefinitely.
- (O) **Form of Agreement.** Buyer and Seller acknowledge that no representation, recommendation or warranty is made by Ten-X or any broker relating to the legal sufficiency or tax consequences of this Agreement or any attachments hereto, and Buyer and Seller each represent and warrant that it has consulted with, had the opportunity to consult with or waived the right to consult with counsel in connection with this Agreement.

14. CLOSING COST ALLOCATIONS.

Closing Costs (as applicable)	Seller Pays	Buyer Pays	50% Seller/ 50% Buyer
Title Search Fee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Owner's Title Insurance Policy (Standard Coverage)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Additional Title Coverage or Endorsements Requested by Buyer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lender's Title Insurance Policy		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Closing Agent Fees			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
State and/or Local Transfer Taxes			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Credit Reports, Loan Fees, Loan Points, Reports and Inspections Required by Buyer's Lender, Appraisal Fees, Mortgage Notarization and Recording Fees, and All Other Costs in Connection With Buyer's Loan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Seller's Loan Prepayment Fees and All Other Costs in Connection With Seller's Existing Loan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Deed Notarization and Recording Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Real Estate Broker/Agent Commissions Due Listing Broker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Offered Cooperating Real Estate Broker/Agent Commissions Due Buyer's Broker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Additional Real Estate Broker/Agent Commissions Due Buyer's Broker (If Any)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Any Reports and Inspections Requested by Buyer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Seller's Attorney Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Buyer's Attorney Fees		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
All Other Closing Costs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SELLER'S INITIALS _____/_____

BUYER'S INITIALS _____/_____

15. STATE-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS. See state-specific rider attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (if applicable).

(Remainder of Page Intentionally Blank)

SELLER:

Gatehouse Media Illinois Holdings II, Inc., a Delaware corporation

BUYER:

Sangamon County, Illinois

_____ (and its permitted assigns under Section 13(B))

Printed Name: Mark Maring
Title (if applicable): SVP of Finance and Treasurer

Printed Name: Brian McFadden
Title (if applicable): County Administrator

Printed Name: _____
Title (if applicable): _____

Printed Name: _____
Title (if applicable): _____

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

LISTING BROKER (if any):

BUYER'S BROKER (if any):

Broker Printed Name: Sandy Hamilton
Brokerage Printed Name: ReMax
Brokerage License Number: 475-120051 State: IL

Broker Printed Name: None
Brokerage Printed Name: None
Brokerage License Number: _____ State: _____

(Brokers must be licensed in the state where the Property is located.)

DISCLOSURE AND CONFIRMATION OF AGENCY RELATIONSHIP

Buyer and Seller acknowledge that, unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement, Ten-X is not acting as Seller's real estate agent or Buyer's real estate agent, and Ten-X is acting as a marketing firm and marketplace provider only.

SELLER'S INITIALS _____/_____

BUYER'S INITIALS _____/_____

CLOSING AGENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Closing Agent acknowledges receipt of a copy of this Agreement and the Earnest Money Deposit set forth in Section 1(D) and agrees to act as Closing Agent in accordance with this Agreement.

Chicago Title Company

By: _____

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

PARCEL 1: LOTS ONE (1) THROUGH SIXTEEN (16), INCLUSIVE, IN BLOCK SIXTEEN (16) OF E. ILES' ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

ALSO, THE VACATED ALLEY WITHIN SAID BLOCK BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 16 OF E. ILES' ADDITION; MEASURE THENCE EAST 320 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF SAID BLOCK 16; THENCE MEASURE SOUTH 16 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 16 IN SAID BLOCK; THENCE MEASURE WEST 320 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 9 OF SAID BLOCK 16; THENCE MEASURE NORTH 16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED RECORDED JUNE 5, 2012 AS DOCUMENT 2012R21045 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE EAST 38.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 68.00 FEET OF LOT ONE (1) IN BLOCK SIXTEEN (16) OF E. ILES' ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2:

THE EAST 120 FEET OF BLOCK 15 OF E. ILES' ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. ALSO LOT 10 OF SANGAMON COUNTY SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 200 FEET OF BLOCK 15, REAR MARKET STREET AND MARKET SQUARE OF E. ILES' ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

EXHIBIT B

ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF LEASES AND CONTRACTS

ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF LEASES AND CONTRACTS

Seller: Gatehouse Media Illinois Holdings II, Inc.

Buyer: Sangamon County

Property (Address): One Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701

This Assignment and Assumption of Leases and Contracts, dated effective as of _____, is entered into between Buyer and Seller in connection with the transfer of the Property from Seller to Buyer concurrently herewith.

Seller is the landlord under those certain leases identified on Schedule 1 attached hereto (collectively, "Leases") relating to the Property. Seller desires to assign to Buyer, and Buyer desires to assume from Seller, all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to the Leases and all other transferable licenses, contracts, permits and agreements affecting the Property (collectively, "Contracts").

For valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, Buyer and Seller agree as follows:

- 1. ASSIGNMENT.** Seller hereby assigns, transfers and conveys to Buyer all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to (a) the Leases and Contracts and (b) all security deposits, letters of credit and guarantees given in connection with the Leases.
- 2. ASSUMPTION.** Buyer hereby assumes all of Seller's obligations and liabilities under the Leases and Contracts and agrees to perform all of the landlord's obligations under the Leases, and Seller's obligations under the Contracts, arising from and after the date hereof. Buyer shall be solely responsible for notifying any tenants or occupants (a) that Seller has transferred ownership of the Property to Buyer, (b) regarding any change in place for payment of rentals, and (c) that Buyer is responsible for the security deposits of such tenants or occupants.
- 3. INDEMNIFICATION BY SELLER.** Seller hereby indemnifies Buyer and agrees to hold Buyer harmless from and against all claims, expenses, losses or damages to the extent arising out of (a) the landlord's obligations and liabilities under the Leases accruing prior to the date hereof, and/or (b) Seller's obligations and liabilities under the Contracts accruing prior to the date hereof.
- 4. INDEMNIFICATION BY BUYER.** Buyer hereby indemnifies Seller and agrees to hold Seller harmless from and against all claims, expenses, losses or damages to the extent arising out of (a) the landlord's obligations and liabilities under the Leases accruing from and after the date hereof, and/or (b) Seller's obligations and liabilities under the Contracts accruing from and after the date hereof.

SELLER:
Gatehouse Media Illinois Holdings II, Inc., a
Delaware corporation

BUYER:
Sangamon County, Illinois

Printed Name: Mark Maring
Title (if applicable): SVP of Finance and Treasurer

Printed Name: Brian McFadden
Title (if applicable): County Administrator

Printed Name: _____
Title (if applicable): _____

Printed Name: _____
Title (if applicable): _____

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

Schedule 1 to Assignment and Assumption of Leases and Contracts

Leases

EXHIBIT C

LEASES

All leases posted to the Property's listing page on Ten-X's website (a) after the date of the attached list, and (b) before Buyer signs this Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Not applicable.

ILLINOIS AGENCY DISCLOSURE

By signing the agreement to which this page is attached, the parties acknowledge receipt of the agency disclosure located at <https://www.ten-x.com/company/illinois/>

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ITEM NO. 1000014971

ADDENDUM TO
PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

Seller: Gatehouse Media Illinois Holdings II, Inc.

Buyer: Brian McFadden

Property Address: One Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701

This Addendum to Purchase and Sale Agreement ("Addendum"), dated effective as of _____, amends and supplements that certain purchase and sale agreement ("Agreement") between Buyer and Seller for the purchase and sale of the real property identified above. If there is a conflict between the terms of the Agreement and the terms of this Addendum, the terms of this Addendum shall control. Any capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Agreement. The Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

1. Subparagraph (A) of Section 8 is hereby replaced with the following:

(A) Termination Resulting from Breach. If Closing does not or cannot occur on or before the Closing Date due to a breach of this Agreement by Buyer or Seller, then the non-breaching party may terminate this Agreement and cancel the Escrow by written notice to the breaching party and Closing Agent. If Buyer fails to timely deposit the Earnest Money Deposit, then Seller may immediately terminate this Agreement by written notice to Buyer. Upon any such termination and/or cancellation, the breaching party shall pay any cancellation fees of Closing Agent and Title Insurance Company. If Seller is the breaching party, Closing Agent shall return the Earnest Money Deposit to Buyer as its sole remedy. If Buyer is the breaching party, then the following shall apply:

BUYER AND SELLER AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE SELLER'S ACTUAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM A BREACH BY BUYER. IN THE EVENT OF A BREACH BY BUYER, SELLER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT AS LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND AS SELLER'S EXCLUSIVE REMEDY. BUYER AGREES THAT SUCH AMOUNT IS A REASONABLE PRE-ESTIMATE OF SELLER'S ACTUAL DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT AND IS NOT A PENALTY. IF CLOSING AGENT IS IN POSSESSION OF THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT, THEN CLOSING AGENT SHALL DELIVER THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT TO SELLER. DESPITE THE FOREGOING, IF APPLICABLE LAW LIMITS THE AMOUNT OF THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PAYABLE TO SELLER UPON A BREACH BY BUYER, SELLER SHALL ONLY BE ENTITLED TO THE AMOUNT PERMITTED BY LAW, AND ANY EXCESS SHALL BE PROMPTLY RETURNED TO BUYER.

SELLER'S INITIALS _____ / _____ BUYER'S INITIALS _____ / _____

2. Subparagraph (A) of Section 13 is hereby replaced with the following:

(A) Survival of Representations and Warranties. Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, (i) all representations and warranties of Seller and Buyer in this Agreement shall continue through and be deemed remade as of Closing and shall not survive Closing.

3. As Is Condition.

(a) TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN OR IN ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS EXECUTED BY SELLER AT CLOSING TO THE CONTRARY, BUYER HEREBY COVENANTS NOT TO SUE AND HEREBY UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY RELEASES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES SELLER, SELLER'S OFFICERS, MEMBERS, MANAGERS, TRUSTEES, DIRECTORS, PARTNERS, SHAREHOLDERS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENTS, AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, MEMBERS, MANAGERS, TRUSTEES, DIRECTORS, PARTNERS, SHAREHOLDERS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENTS (EACH A "SELLER PARTY" AND COLLECTIVELY THE "SELLER PARTIES") FROM, AND WAIVES ITS RIGHTS AND CLAIMS FOR, ANY AND ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLAIMS, LOSSES AND DEMANDS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THOSE ARISING FROM PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH, AND ALL CONSEQUENCES THEREOF (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY INTERRUPTION OR INTERFERENCE WITH ANY BUSINESS OR ACTIVITIES BEING CONDUCTED ON THE PROPERTY AND ANY LOSS OF OPPORTUNITY), WHETHER NOW KNOWN OR NOT, WHICH MAY ARISE FROM (1) ANY LATENT OR PATENT DEFECTS, ANY HIDDEN OR CONCEALED CONDITIONS, OR ANY SUBSOIL, GROUNDWATER OR

GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS, (2) THE CONDITION, STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY, OPERABILITY, MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR OF ANY BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS OR IMPROVEMENTS, (3) THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC MATERIALS OR SUBSTANCES, (4) THE COMPLIANCE OF THE PROPERTY WITH, OR VIOLATION OF, ANY LAW, STATUTE, ORDINANCE, RULE OR REGULATION OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, ZONING ORDINANCES, AND BUILDING AND HEALTH CODES, (5) ANY MATTER RELATED TO THE DUE DILIGENCE MATERIALS, OR (6) ANY OTHER MATTER OR THING AFFECTING OR RELATED TO THE PROPERTY OR THE OPERATION OF THE PROPERTY.

(b) FURTHER, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, BUYER HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY ON THE CLOSING DATE ON AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS AND WITH ALL FAULTS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO THE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT. ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY HAVE BEEN, OR MAY BE, SUPPLIED TO BUYER CONCERNING THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY IS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING BUYER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPERTY IS OF SUCH TYPE AND GENERAL CHARACTER AS MIGHT INTEREST BUYER. SELLER HAS NOT WARRANTED AND DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY AND/OR COMPLETENESS OF ANY SUCH INFORMATION. BY ACCEPTING THE DEED AT CLOSING, BUYER SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED TO SELLER THAT BUYER IS THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED AND SATISFIED WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROPERTY, AND IS ACQUIRING THE PROPERTY "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" AND WITHOUT ANY COVENANTS, WARRANTIES, REPRESENTATIONS OR AGREEMENTS AS TO THE PAST, PRESENT OR ANY FUTURE CONDITION, INCOME, EXPENSE, OPERATION, MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, OR ANY OTHER MATTER OR THING AFFECTING OR RELATING TO THE PROPERTY, ALL OF WHICH ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED, EXCEPT ANY REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES CONTAINED HEREIN. BUYER'S ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY AND POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY AT THE CLOSING SHALL ALSO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER AND RELEASE BY BUYER OF SELLER OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES PERTAINING TO THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE EXISTENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, ASBESTOS AND/OR ANY OTHER PHYSICAL AND/OR ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN, ON, UNDER OR ABOUT THE PROPERTY, EXCEPT FOR ANY REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF SELLER EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES ARISING OUT OF ANY FRAUD COMMITTED BY SELLER. BUYER SHALL NOT PERFORM AND SAMPLING, DRILLING, TESTING OR EXCAVATION AT, ON, UNDER, OR AROUND THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING, AND/OR SUBSURFACE TESTING OF ANY KIND.

4. Personal Property.

Seller's personal property, including, but not limited to, newspaper archives, artwork, historic memorabilia and collectibles, office furniture, office equipment, computers and related technology equipment, phone systems, security systems, and generators, shall not be conveyed, provided Buyer, at its own expense, will be responsible for any equipment and personal property that are abandoned by Seller at the Property after the Closing Date.

SELLER:

Gatehouse Media Illinois Holdings II, Inc., a Delaware corporation

BUYER:

Sangamon County, Illinois

Printed Name: Mark Maring
Title (if applicable): SVP of Finance and Treasurer

Printed Name: Brian McFadden
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Printed Name: _____
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