

Re: Approval to Proceed with Initial Security Camera Installation at CFS

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Eric,

Another worthwhile enhancement to the CFS network would be the addition of security cameras.

As we briefly discussed, a reasonable starting point would be three cameras: one in the lobby, one outside the front door, and one outside the back door. Based on current pricing each camera would cost approximately \$200 to \$250. We could move forward with this project concurrently with the phone system migration.

The addition of these cameras would provide better visibility into building access and common areas and would be a good first step toward improving security at the office.

Eric. when you have a moment please reply with your approval to proceed with the initial installation of these three cameras.

— Bret

On Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 04:55:05 PM CDT, M Bret Blackford <bret_blackford@yahoo.com> wrote:

Eric,

I wanted to give you a quick update on where things stand with the CFS network work.

As of today, I would consider **Phase 1 complete**.

We have successfully migrated the CFS network off the old backbone and onto a modern UniFi platform. The phones and computers are now running through the new UniFi router and switch, and the legacy equipment (Charter/Spectrum router, MikroTik RouterBoard, Cisco firewall, and TP-Link access point) has been powered down and removed from the production environment.

The new system has now been running live for several days. I've been monitoring things closely and checking in with staff, and so far everything appears stable and performing well. Overall, this is a big step forward in terms of reliability, visibility, and flexibility.

There are still a few minor cleanup items remaining before we fully close out Phase 1:

- Install rack-mount kit for the new switch
- Clean up and re-terminate a few longer ethernet runs
- Remove remaining legacy equipment from the upstairs IT closet

None of these are urgent, but I wanted you to have a complete picture.

I've attached the Phase 1 expense details, along with the supporting documentation:

- [Invoice 1 – \\$763.53](#)
- [Invoice 2 – \\$270.64](#)

I expect a small amount of additional cost to wrap things up:

- Misc. accessories (cables, connectors, etc.) – approx. \$150
- Electrical help (Devin Daniel assisting) – approx. \$100

Now that the network is fully under our control we're in a good position to think about next steps. Potential Phase 2 items could include:

1. Evaluating phone system options
2. [Adding security cameras](#)
3. Reviewing cloud-based directory options (Azure AD)
4. Assessing PCs and laptops for refresh/replacement

When you can find time I'd like to schedule about 45 minutes with you and Mary to walk through what's been done and talk through priorities for next steps.

We are making good progress!

— Bret