



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 24-00672**

**Agenda Date: 8/13/2024**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Interlocal Agreement Between Alachua County and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office for a Radio Maintenance Program**

**Presenter:**

Harold Theus, Fire Chief, 352-384-3101

**Description:**

An Interlocal agreement between Alachua County and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) for the management and oversight of the Trunked Radio System. ACSO has agreed to handle the daily maintenance and operation of the radio system while Alachua County will continue to manage the budget, user agreements, and future expansion.

**Recommended Action:**

Authorize Chair to sign the Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and ACSO.

**Prior Board Motions:**

On December 12, 2023, the Board approved the Purchase Sales Agreement, Co-Location Agreements, and Estoppel Agreement for the Trunked Radio System (Item #23-00794).

Commissioner Cornell moved that Contingent on the City Commission's approval of the Estoppel Agreement on 12-14-2023, approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Purchase Sale Agreement, Co-Location Agreements, and Estoppel Agreement, approve and authorize the County Manager to sign all User Agreements with all 10 users of the Trunked Radio System, and authorize the County Manager to approve and execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction (e.g., application for FCC approval to transfer radio frequency licenses; assignment of Motorola maintenance agreement/software licenses).

The motion carried 5-0. 2nd Commissioner Chestnut.

**Fiscal Note:**

Alachua County currently has an agreement with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) which funds a .5 FTE to provide radio maintenance. This will continue with the new agreement. The proposed agreement will allow ACSO to invoice the County for their time spent and materials purchased to manage the daily maintenance and operation of the radio system. In addition, the County will reimburse ACSO an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 (072.54.5425.529.64.00 Capital & Machinery) for the purchase of a vehicle to be used by the Radio System Manager. Beginning in FY25, the Personal Services budget for the Radio Manager 1.0 FTE will be included in the ACSO

budget transfer. This amount is tentatively budgeted at \$125,240.00 (072.54.5425.529. various personal services line items). The ACSO will invoice the County for any parts and tools estimated at \$15,000.00 annually (072.54.5425.529.46.00 Repairs & Maintenance).

**Strategic Guide:**

Public Safety

**Background:**

On December 28, 2023, Alachua County took ownership of the Public Safety Trunked Radio System (TRS). As part of the FY24 budget, one Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position for a Radio Systems Manager was added to Alachua County Fire Rescue (ACFR). Despite advertising and interviewing several potential candidates, ACFR was unsuccessful in filling the position. During this period, the ACSO radio shop stepped forward to manage the daily maintenance and operation of the system. ACSO's Radio Shop, staffed with three FTEs, handles repair and maintenance for all ACSO needs.

Alachua County has an existing Interlocal Agreement utilizing the Radio Shop with the support of 0.5 FTE for the repair and maintenance needs of Alachua County Fire Rescue apparatus. The new agreement replaces the previous one, transferring the one FTE for the Radio Systems Manager, and includes the purchase of a vehicle for the position, and up to \$15,000 annually for tools and parts. ACSO will be able to leverage their expertise in radio system technology in maintaining and operating the TRS.

Alachua County will continue to manage the overall budget, vendor contracts, user agreements, lease agreements, and potential expansion of the TRS.