



# Radio System Update

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# Chapter 164 Dispute Resolution



## Progress and Discussion

- **February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting:**
  - County's belief that negotiations ceased based upon the demand letter sent by GRU on 1/4/21 to County and other users
  - County's good faith effort to negotiate a contract as a partner (as emphasized by Chief Theus' presentation on 1/5/21)
  - County sought understanding of the total cost of services and allocation methodology regarding CCC
  - GRU's desire for payment of services

# Chapter 164 Dispute Resolution (cont'd)



## Progress and Discussion

- **February 15<sup>th</sup> - both parties agree to the following for the current fiscal year:**
  - Allocation would be based upon GRU's FY20 cost of \$2,711,567
  - City would absorb their share of CCC cost (\$504,921)
  - County's share of cost would be \$1,310,202
  - All User's would "true up" at the end of the year
  - All User's to meet and devise a fair methodology

# Budgetary Impacts of GRUCOM Agreement



\$2,711,567 <u>x0.4365</u>	FY20 GRU total cost Percent of CCC “talk Time”	\$2,711,567 <u>x 0.2328</u>	FY20 GRU total cost Percent of County Fire & Law, “talk time”
\$1,183,870	GRU bill to CCC	\$631,250	GRU bill to County

\$1,183,870

+\$631,250

**\$1,815,120 (total County bill from GRU)**

\$1,183,870	CCC total bill
<u>x0.4265</u>	Percent of CoG cost of CCC FY20
\$504,921	County would bill the City

\$1,815,120

-\$504,921

**\$1,310,202 (net cost to County)**

\$1,105,000 (FY 21 budget for radio system)

\$205,202 Over budget

# Alternatives



## County Operated Radio System

- Tower locations
- Tower equipment (RFP)
- Radio System Employee (1 FTE)
- Radio System subscribers

# Staff Recommendations



- Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the City of Gainesville/GRU for the Trunk Radio System for this year only
- Authorize staff to continue negotiations with GRU to develop a long term partnership agreement for the Trunk Radio System
- Authorize staff to explore alternate plans for a County-wide radio system in the event the parties are unable to reach an agreement

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