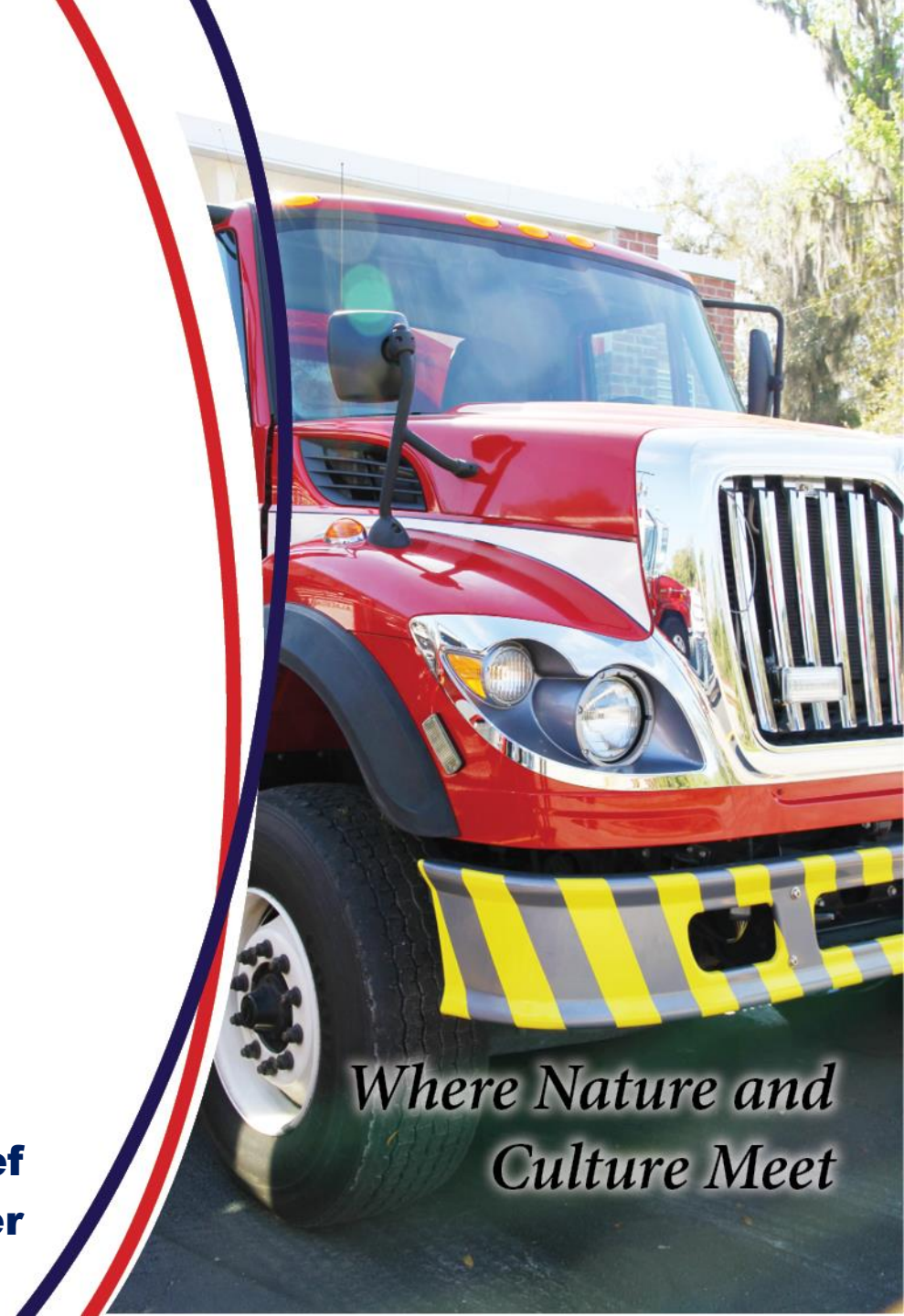




Trunk Radio System

**Commission Update
December 13, 2022**

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Current Update



- On February 23, 2021- Board of County Commission (BoCC) directed staff to “continue negotiations with GRU to develop a long-term partnership agreement for the Trunk Radio System” and to “explore alternative plans for a County-wide radio system in the event the parties are unable to reach an agreement.”
- GRU and County Staff met to discuss on June 10th, July 13th, and October 18th.
- Throughout 2021, County staff awaited an assessment that GRU had requested.
- It was the County’s understanding that once this assessment came in, GRU would be able to negotiate a sale of the assets.
- On October 18, 2021, county staff expressly stated that the County was interested in purchasing GRU assets.

December 14, 2021

BoCC Motion



- On December 14th, 2021- The BoCC unanimously passed a motion directing county staff to:
 1. Authorize a Chair Letter describing the County intent to build a standalone radio system and inquire if the City has interest in selling the GRUCom radio system.
(January 5th with a February 14th reply by Mayor Poe)
 2. Staff to add the appropriate deadline for response by the City to the letter for the sale of radio assets for a countywide system that works with the County process.
(Expressed in the letter, “reach a point when the County is too invested”)
County staff and GRU continued to meet, March 14th, April 6th, June 17th, June 28th, and Aug 25th
 3. Authorize a separate letter to inquire about the valuation for the entire GRUCom department for purchase by the County which would allow the provision of countywide internet service.

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BoCC Motion (cont)



4. Direct staff to engage the consultant, Federal Engineering to implement Phase 3 (Project Management and Implementation Support Services) in order build out a stand-alone county P-25 radio system that is owned and operated by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

Staff has met with Federal Engineering:

Jan 24th, Feb 15th, March 7th, April 6th, June 10th, July 1st, October 31st, Nov 14th
and Nov 29th

Moving On



On October 14, 2022, GRU was notified that the County was not in a position whereby it could wait any longer.

The next steps:

- **Complete/Release RFP – 3 months**
- **System Procurement – 4 to 6 months (from RFP release to contract)**
- **System Implementation – 18 to 36 months (dependent on new site development and supply chain)**
- **Transition Users – 2 to 4 months**

Best case scenario: 24 months to complete the transition

More likely scenario: 36 months to complete the transition

Worst case scenario: 48 months to complete the transition

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