



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

Trunked Radio Resolution finalizing 164 Dispute Resolution Process

Presenter:

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Description:

This resolution acknowledges the end of the Dispute Resolution process between the City of Gainesville, GRU and the County over the billing arrangement for the current Fiscal year. This was negotiated by staff after two open meetings on the issue with the City Manager, the Director of GRU and the County Manager. The City of Gainesville will be passing an identical resolution.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Resolution terminating the Dispute Resolution process.

Prior Board Motions:

County Resolution 2021-01

Fiscal Consideration:

There are sufficient budgeted funds to resolve this matter.

Background:

The long term agreement with GRU to provide public safety radio communications services ended on September 30, 2020. It was understood that a change was going to be necessary to address services going forward. There had been no agreement as to final terms and the County continued to pay GRU under the prior agreement pending a new agreement. On January 4th, 2021 GRU sent a letter to the County setting forth new terms and indicated that if the bill was not paid after the invoice was sent, that services could be terminated. At the Board's meeting of January 5th the Board adopted a resolution invoking the Chapter 164 process to resolve this matter since any formula for payment must include the City's portion of the Combined Communications Center cost. The letter from GRU did not acknowledge this.

The matter has been concluded with an agreement for this fiscal year and staff will continue to meet to attempt to develop a long term agreement.