

RESOLUTION NO. 201152

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GAINESVILLE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDING A  
SOLUTION TO THE CHAPTER 164 DISPUTE OVER PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO  
SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Gainesville (City) operates Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) which in turn operates GRUCOM, the communications provider used for public safety radio communications in Alachua County; and

**WHEREAS,** a formal written contract for services between GRUCOM and Alachua County (County) expired on September 30th, 2020 with no formal agreement yet in place; and

**WHEREAS,** the parties had discussed new terms for an agreement but had not yet reached an agreement; and

**WHEREAS,** on January 13th, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners initiated the dispute resolution process set forth in Chapter 164, Florida Statutes because of concerns they had regarding correspondence received from GRUCOM over the state of payment for services and the amount being charged for services; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the procedure set forth in Chapter 164, Florida Statutes the Executive Officers of the City, GRU and the County met on February 1st and 15th, 2021 and came to agreement on terms regarding the issues raised in the invocation of the dispute resolution process; and

**WHEREAS,** the City, including the Charter Officers representing General Government and GRU, wishes to memorialize its understanding of the agreement reached with the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAINESVILLE CITY COMMISSION AS  
FOLLOWS:**

1. The City accepts GRUCOM's total FY 21 projected cost of \$2,711,567 and bases its allocation upon this number.
2. The allocation of the City totals \$924,299.86 which includes the City's \$504,921.00 proportionate share of the Public Safety Radio System allocation to the Combined Communications Center.
3. The remaining FY 21 allocation for the County totals \$1,133,494.23.
4. GRUCOM, the City and the County shall "true up" for actual costs at the end of the year.

- 33 5. The County will pay the amount set forth in paragraph 3 and the City will pay the amount  
34 set forth in paragraph 2 to GRUCOM within 30 days of the approval of this resolution by  
35 the City and the County.
- 36 6. The City, GRU, GRUCOM and the County will continue to meet to work on developing a  
37 long-term partnership agreement with consideration of fair and equitable allocation of all  
38 system costs over that longer term. The methodology must be acceptable to GRUCOM  
39 as GRUCOM will need to agree to the implementation of the methodology.
- 40 7. This resolution is valid through 9/30/21. GRU and GRUCOM are responsible for billing and  
41 collecting the share of costs of the other users. The City and County, GRU and GRUCOM  
42 agree to set a timetable to meet and resolve their differences.
- 43 8. This resolution will have no force and effect unless the County passes a resolution  
44 agreeing to the terms set forth herein. The County may adopt its resolution before or  
45 after the City passes this resolution.

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48 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

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LAUREN POE  
MAYOR

Approved as to form and legality:



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