



Legislative File # 110784

Fire Station 19

October 3, 2013

City/County Interlocal Agreement for The Transition Of Services Upon An Annexation

- Made and entered into March 13, 2007
- Acknowledges the Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act
- Recognizes the potential for jurisdictional impacts of major annexations and the need for intergovernmental cooperation
- Defines “Major” as a reduction of greater than 3% of the unincorporated area population or taxable property value
- Recognizes the need for the smooth and proper transition of services and capital projects between the City and County
- Acknowledges the City and County responsibility for the provision of fire services within their jurisdictional boundaries

Transition of Fire Services and Facilities

Ownership and Location or Transfer of Fire Rescue Stations and Employment of Fire Rescue Personnel:

1. In the event that a County fire rescue station is annexed by the City, the County may, at its discretion, continue to own and operate the station. The County may also elect to retain ownership, in whole or in part, of the station for emergency medical services or any other County purposes.
2. Capital items assigned to the affected fire rescue station will remain County property.
3. If the City desires to own and/or operate the station, the City may negotiate an agreement with the County for the appropriate timing, terms, and conditions of the transfer and/or purchase of the station.

Employment of Affected County Employees

- Allows that if the City is hiring equivalent positions, the City shall offer to employ the affected County employees subject to their complying with pre-employment conditions as would be required of other applicants in such positions.
- For positions covered by a City bargaining unit, the City agrees to negotiate in good faith with those bargaining units.

Transition of Other Services

- Most County services have been transitioned to the City.
- Some services like law enforcement occur immediately.
- Some services are transitioned over short time periods while active services are completed, such as Building Permits, Code Enforcement, and Solid Waste.
- County has requested the transfer of Forest Park.

Fire Services Assistance Agreement (FSAA)

- Automatic aid agreement between City of Gainesville and Alachua County.
- Defines the level of service to be provided.
- Identifies response resources recognized for payment under the agreement.
- Identifies The Alachua County Fire Services Master Plan for current and future station locations to be recognized under the agreement.
- Identifies the formula for payment.

Effect of Annexation

Effect of SW 20th Avenue Annexation effective June 1, 2009				
	Calls in City Run by County	Calls in County Run by City	Net Reimbursement to City	Net Reimbursement to County
June 2008-May 2009	1807	2570	\$610,400	
June 2009-May 2010	2579	2309		\$216,000
June 2010-May 2011	2727	2032		\$556,000
June 2011-May 2012	2731	2191		\$432,000
June 2012-May 2013	3005	2224		\$624,800

Station 19 Call Activity

Effect of SW 20th Avenue Annexation effective June 1, 2009		
	E19 Calls into County	E19 Calls into City
June 2008-May 2009	1602	949
June 2009-May 2010	1098	1532
June 2010-May 2011	1069	1670
June 2011-May 2012	1039	1643
June 2012-May 2013	1051	1909

Discussions With Alachua County Fire Rescue (ACFR)

- Discussions were held between GFR Fire Chief Gene Prince and ACFR Fire Chief Ed Bailey during their regular monthly meetings.
- In March 2013, Chief Bailey informed Chief Prince that he had received direction not to enter into a Transition of Services agreement.
- The City began developing options for Commission Consideration.

Option 1

Station 19 Operated by City

	Current	Proposed- Option 1	County	City
City Calls Run by County	3005	1096		
County Calls Run by City	2224	3275		
Net County Units into City	781			
Net City Units into County		2179		
Reimbursement Received			\$624,800.00	\$1,743,200
Payment			\$1,743,200.00	\$624,800
Est. Station Cost			\$1,038,983	\$1,038,983
Net Fiscal Impact			-\$1,329,017	\$1,329,017

Option 2

City Operates Station 19 Does not Charge for Calls into County (as credit for purchase of Station)

	Current	Proposed- Option 2	County	City
City Calls Run by County	3005	1096		
County Calls Run by City	2224	3275		
Add Back E19 County Calls - Credit toward Purchase		1051		
Net County Units into City	781			
Net City Units into County (after credit)		1128		
Reimbursement Received			\$624,800.00	\$902,400
Payment			\$902,400.00	\$624,800
Est. Station Cost			\$1,038,983	\$1,038,983
Net Fiscal Impact			-\$488,217	\$488,217

County Calls	1051	NPV
Cost of County Calls	\$840,800	
Year 1	\$840,800	
Year 2	\$840,800	
Year 3	\$840,800	
Total	\$2,522,400	\$2,355,616

Option 3

Add City Squad to Run City EMS Calls in Station 19 Area

	Current	Proposed- Option 3	County	City
City EMS Calls =1492				
City Calls Run by County	3005	1513		
County Calls Run by City	2224	2224		
Net County Units into City	781			
Net City Units into County		711		
Reimbursement Received			\$624,800.00	\$568,800
Payment			\$568,800.00	\$624,800
Est. Cost of Squad				\$594,314
Net Fiscal Impact			-\$1,193,600	\$599,286

Option 3

- Place a two person Squad unit to cover EMS which is 77% of total responses and ACFR continue to provide fire and non-EMS service 23%.
- Place a Squad when extra staffing allows with some overtime staffing.

Recommendation

The City Commission:

1. receive a report from the City Manager and the Fire Chief for providing services in the area served by Alachua County Fire Station 19
2. direct the City Manager to initiate a transition plan that would staff a City squad unit to provide services in that area; and
3. determine if the City Commission desires to discuss the transfer of services for Station 19 and potential City acquisition of Station 19 with the County Commission.