



Bay County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary

800 MHz Interlocal with the City of Panama City

DEPARTMENT MAKING REQUEST/NAME:

Jennifer Shuler, Deputy Assistant County Attorney

MEETING DATE: 4/6/2021
REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

Board to: a.) approve the Interlocal Agreement for the 800 MHz Communication System with the City of Panama City and b.) authorize the chairman to sign the Interlocal with Panama City and to sign any agreements with additional parties that are substantially in the form included as Exhibit B to the Interlocal.

AGENDA
County
Attorney
BUDGETED ITEM? No

BUDGET ACTION:

Budget amendment needed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Funding for this project comes from loan proceeds. The proceeds are repaid by the users of the system which includes the County departments and cities.

BACKGROUND:

In 1999, Bay County (County) and the City of Panama City (City) entered into an interlocal agreement as the original parties for the 800 MHz public safety radio communication system. The County and the City hold the licenses for the 800 MHz radio communication frequencies. After the County and City executed the 1999 interlocal, other user agencies such as cities, the airport, and local colleges, were added to the public safety radio system as additional parties to the agreement.

The County and City have negotiated a new interlocal to address the upgraded 800 MHz public safety radio system. This interlocal is patterned after the original agreement. The new interlocal requires each user agency to pay for its own radio units and consoles. The shared costs for the system infrastructure and ongoing maintenance is then apportioned out among users based on the ratio of each user's total radio units, compared to the overall number of radio units in the system. The interlocal gives the user agency the option to finance its equipment and pro rata share of the infrastructure costs through the County or to make a one time lump sum payment. Each user agency then shall pay an annual fee to address shared equipment and infrastructure maintenance. Under the interlocal, the County, the City and the Sheriff will develop policies and procedures to govern the radio system and Bay County will manage the system on a day to day basis.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached Interlocal Agreement between the County and the City for the upgraded 800 MHz public safety radio system. In addition, staff recommends that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign future agreements with additional user agencies that are substantially in the form of the agreement included as Exhibit B to the Interlocal.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Type

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Exhibit