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Intergovernmental Agreement Refresh & Renewal
2021

Intergovernmental Agreement – Background

- IGA Purpose: The agreement is between and among all Thurston County public safety agencies for TCOMM911 to provide 911 call intake, dispatch services and first responder communications for the entire county.
- Executed: December 2010
 - Created an independent agency, TCOMM911, from the former Thurston County department, CAPCOM
- May 5, 2018, the TCOMM911 Administration Board set a goal for the Executive Director to review the agency by-laws and Intergovernmental Agreement, to address the ability of the agency to incur debt for the purpose of purchasing a new radio system.

“ARTICLE 3.4.6. to incur indebtedness and to issue bonds, notes or other evidence thereof (through one or more of the Member Agencies unless and until TCOMM911 has such power under applicable law);”
- A working group was established, comprised of members from both the TCOMM911 Administration and Operations Boards.

Intergovernmental Agreement – Amendment Process

- Article 12 – Amendments, the process for amending the IGA. “Any Member Agency may request changes to this Intergovernmental Agreement. Amendments to this Intergovernmental Agreement may be made by written agreement of all Member Agencies.”
- The Bylaw/IGA working group recommended most of the changes presented today.
- The remaining recommendations resulted from the successful passage of the emergency communications sales/use tax measure. The current IGA has references to the original 1/10th percent which requires modification to accommodate the new level of taxation.
- All recommendations were reviewed and approved by the Administration Board of Directors.
- A group of City Attorneys and the County Attorney have also reviewed and approved the recommendations.

Intergovernmental Agreement – Recommended Changes

- Article 1 Recitals
 - Revised sales/use tax language to reflect total receipts.
- Article 2 Definitions
 - “Communications Services” revised/clarified.
 - “Emergency Communications Systems and Facilities” added.
 - “Member Agency” revised/clarified.
 - “Member Assessments” revised to reflect sales/use changes.
 - “Non-Member Agency” revised/clarified.
 - “Public Safety Interlocal Operation” added.

Intergovernmental Agreement – Recommended Changes, (cont'd)

- Article 3 Formation, Purpose and Powers
- 3.4.6 remove “(through one or more of the Member Agencies unless and until TCOMM911 has such power under applicable law)”
- Article 4 System and Provision of Communications Services
- 4.2 minor language change for clarification.
- 4.3 Revised language to reflect current status.
- 4.4 Added language to allow the initial purchase of subscriber equipment by TCOMM911 when replacing the current radio system.
- 4.6 Added language to reflect the terms of the current lease with the County for the facility.

Intergovernmental Agreement – Recommended Changes, (cont'd)

- Article 5 Term and Termination of Intergovernmental Agreement
- No Changes.
- Article 6 Withdrawal of Member Agencies
- 6.4.1 added language to clarify the process.
- Article 7 Termination of Member Agencies
- No Changes
- Article 8 Addition of Member Agencies
- Added “and the ability to contribute future revenue for maintenance, operations, and replacement purposes.”

Intergovernmental Agreement – Recommended Changes, (cont'd)

- Article 9 Administration Board and Operations Board
- No changes.
- Article 10 Budget
- No changes.
- Article 11 Finances
- 11.1 Revised sales/use tax language to reflect total receipts.
- 11.2 Revised language to eliminate “Schedule I” member funding formula and clarify member assessment processes.
- 11.3 Eliminated
- 11.4 Eliminated

Intergovernmental Agreement – Recommended Changes, (cont'd)

- Article 12 Amendments
- No changes.
- Article 13 Change in Corporate Form
- No changes.
- Article 14 Arbitration
- No changes.
- Article 15 Insurance
- No changes.
- Article 16 General Terms
- No changes.
- Article 17 Execution
- No changes.
- Schedule I Initial Funding Formula
- Removed.

Questions & Discussion



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