

RESOLUTION 13-101

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO ENGINEERING RADIO SIGNAL COVERAGE; AUTHORIZING JOINT COORDINATION WITH SARASOTA COUNTY ON SIGNAL ENGINEERING AND THE SHARING OF COSTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND TREATMENT OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Manatee County Commission and Sarasota County Commission have conducted joint discussions and individual workshops concerning the merger of their respective mobile radio systems; and

WHEREAS, the closer coordination and possible merger of some or all of the two Counties' respective systems would result in greater efficiencies, cost savings to the taxpayers of both Counties, and enhanced operability and reliability of the systems benefiting public safety and other system users; and

WHEREAS, Sarasota County is currently retaining expert radio frequency and system design services so as to begin the process of designing an intra-operable two-county system and Manatee County desires to share in the costs of this project, which will benefit both Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Manatee County Commission finds that it is in the County's best interests to jointly cooperate with Sarasota County on the engineering of a regional radio system, and that the sharing of costs related thereto constitutes a valid public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. The Manatee County Administrator and designated staff are authorized to coordinate with the Sarasota County Administrator and designated staff on the selection of a qualified consultant to provide system design services to both Counties for the purpose of designing a unified radio communications system to be used by the public safety and other governmental users of the two Counties. This authorization includes the authority to review and approve of an RFP scope of services, but not to sign any contracts related to this project absent further authorization.
2. The Manatee County Administrator is authorized to submit to the Manatee County Clerk of Court for payment any invoices or statements of costs as may be sent by Sarasota County related to the consulting services mentioned in the preceding paragraph. However, Manatee County shall not provide reimbursement of any request for payment not supported by adequate documentation of costs, and in no circumstance shall costs be reimbursed which exceed \$50,000 absent further authorization by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners.
3. The Manatee County Administrator and designated staff is instructed to negotiate, with the assistance of the Manatee County Attorney's Office, an interlocal agreement with Sarasota

County, providing for the joint operation of a unified Manatee/Sarasota mobile radio system. Such interlocal agreement should provide for the ownership of all associated facilities and assets of each of the County's current systems, the financing of maintenance and replacement of such facilities and assets, the model of joint governance and management of the radio frequencies, associated licenses and facilities and assets, and such other items as would maximize the unification of the currently separate systems of the two Counties so as to maximize the cost savings and system efficiencies for the residents of both Counties.

4. The County Administrator is directed, once the terms of a recommended interlocal agreement have been negotiated, to coordinate a joint meeting of the County Commissions of Manatee and Sarasota County, so the Commissions may jointly provide final policy direction concerning the elements of the interlocal agreement. Once final edits are thereafter made, the interlocal agreement shall be presented to the Commission for consideration and adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any existing Resolution or portion thereof of the Board of County Commissioners which contains terms or provisions which are in direct conflict with and cannot be harmonized with the provisions of this Resolution shall, as to such terms or provisions, be deemed as superseded by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution are severable such that the invalidity of any one provision shall not operate to invalidate any other provision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

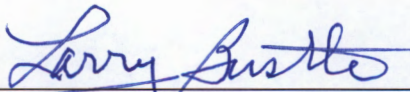
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, with a quorum present and voting, this 18th day of June, 2013.

ATTEST:
R.B. SHORE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Deputy Clerk



By: 
Chair