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May 1, 2018

Ms. Cindy King
City of Gulf Shores
Post Office Box 299
Gulf Shores, Alabama 36547

RE: Agreement Regarding Baldwin County Interoperability Communications System for the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama Police and Fire Protection Services

Dear Ms. King:

Please find enclosed a **fully executed original** *Agreement Regarding Baldwin County Interoperability Communications System for the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, Police and Fire Protection Services* approved during the April 3, 2018, Baldwin County Commission meeting.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Brian Peacock, Communications and Information Systems Director, at (251) 580-2598.

Sincerely,

ANU GARY, Administration/Records Manager
Baldwin County Commission

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cc: Brian Peacock

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AGREEMENT REGARDING
BALDWIN COUNTY INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
FOR THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA,
POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

This Agreement Regarding Baldwin County Interoperability Communications System for the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, Police and Fire Protection Services (“Agreement”) is entered into as of the 1st day of May, 2016, by the Chairman of the Baldwin County Commission by and between Baldwin County, Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama (the “Baldwin County Commission”), and the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, an Alabama municipal corporation (the “City”), as and subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

WITNESSETH:

Section 1. Purpose:

This Agreement establishes the permission, guidelines and requirements for the use of the Baldwin County Interoperability P25 700 MHz (sometimes referred to as the “System”) by the City.

Section 2. Authority:

Participation in this Agreement and permission to use the System requires the approval and authorization of the Baldwin County Commission and shall be managed by the Baldwin County Communications and Information Systems Department (“CIS”) and the Baldwin County Commission Interoperability Communications Advisory Committee, as authorized by the Baldwin County Commission.

Section 3. Applicability:

This Agreement authorizes the use of Baldwin County Interoperability channels and radio frequencies by City as approved and authorized by the Baldwin County Commission, in its discretion, based on recommendations by the Baldwin County Interoperability Advisory Committee. The Baldwin County Commission reserves the right to add or remove approved and authorized agencies, entities or individuals.

Section 4. Understanding:

A. The Baldwin County Commission by and through the Baldwin County Communication and Information Systems Department (“CIS”) shall do the following:

1. Manage and maintain proper licenses for the use of the interoperability frequencies.

2. Manage and maintain an accurate database of federal, state, county and local government entities or agencies that have been approved and authorized to use the System.

3. Issue any talk groups, channels or subscriber IDs that will be used on the System.

4. The Baldwin County Commission shall have the authority to monitor proper usage of the Interoperability talk groups and channels, although the Baldwin County Commission and its departments, committees or employees shall not be liable for any content or misuse of the System.

5. Maintain the System's operations, functionality and upgrades, as deemed necessary for optimal performance of the System.

B. City shall do the following:

1. Participate in Baldwin County communications planning for countywide communications interoperability as may be required by the Baldwin County Commission, by and through CIS.

2. Manage the proper usage of interoperability frequencies, talk groups and channels by its employees, ensuring compliance with any Federal, State, County or Local laws, ordinances and rules.

3. Utilize the interoperability frequencies, talk groups and channels hereby authorized for their intended purpose of coordination between emergency first responders.

4. Use the interoperability frequencies, talk groups and channels for on-scene incident communications, as established by the on-scene Incident Commander and governed by any Federal, State, County or Local laws, ordinances or rules.

5. Implement radio communications procedures consistent with National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) and Incident Command Systems (ICS).

6. Ensure that agency mobile, portable and base radios intended for use by the agency for interoperability communications on the 700 MHz radio system are properly configured for the proper interoperability frequencies, talk groups and channels, as outlined by the Baldwin County Commission by and through CIS, and ensure that such radios are properly maintained and upgraded.

Section 5. Procedures:

The Baldwin County Commission reserves the right to adopt, change or amend any policies, procedures or rules related to the use of the System, and/or any provision of this Agreement, as deemed necessary, in its discretion, with or without the consent or approval of the City or any other

entities or agencies. Such change or amendment shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Baldwin County Commission. Such change or amendment shall be provided to the City in writing. In the event the City disagrees or objects to such change or amendment, the City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 7.

Section 6. Compensation:

The City shall pay to the Baldwin County Commission the sum of \$10.00 per month for each radio or communication device activated on the System. The CIS Department will verify on a monthly basis the number of radio or communication devices activated on the System for City. Payments shall be made on an annual basis on or before February 1 of each year for all sums accrued during the previous 12 month period. At the termination or expiration of this Agreement, all outstanding amounts owed shall be paid to the Baldwin County Commission within ninety (90) days of such expiration or termination. City shall be responsible for all costs of operation for each radio or communication device activated and/or used on the System, including, but not limited to, acquisition costs and costs associated with activation or deactivation of individual radios or communication devices.

Section 7. Term and Termination:

This Agreement shall be for a term of three years, unless otherwise terminated by the parties as set forth herein. Any party may cancel or terminate this Agreement by giving ninety (90) days written notice of such termination to the other party. In the event of such termination, the City shall pay the fees incurred through the date of termination, and the City shall bear the cost of separating from the System.

Section 8. Disclaimer of Warranties:

The Baldwin County Commission in no way warrants or guarantees, and expressly disclaims any warranties or guarantees for or related to, the services and/or equipment installed and/or serviced under this Agreement. Reasons that may affect, interrupt, cause failure or otherwise limit the use of such services and/or equipment include, but are not limited to, the following: a power outage, a fiber optic line cable being cut, equipment not configured properly, and/or any event above and beyond the Baldwin County Commission's reasonable control, including, without limitation, any government actions, fire, work stoppages, civil disturbances, interruptions of power or communications to Baldwin County or any facilities used by or for Baldwin County, failure of internet, hosting, telecommunications, or other services to Baldwin County or facilities used by or for Baldwin County, natural disasters, acts of God, or acts of terrorism or war, or the lines not being compatible with the software and/or equipment used by the City.

THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION MAKES NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, TITLE OR NON-

INFRINGEMENT OR ANY WARRANTY ARISING BY USAGE OF TRADE, COURSE OF DEALING OR COURSE OF PERFORMANCE OR ANY WARRANTY THAT THE SERVICES AND/OR EQUIPMENT WILL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY. Without limiting the foregoing, the Baldwin County Commission does not warrant that the services and/or equipment will be without failure, delay, interruption, error, degradation of voice quality or loss of content, data or information. Neither Baldwin County nor its Commissioners, officers, directors, employees, representatives, affiliates, or agents will be liable for unauthorized access to Baldwin County's or the City's transmission facilities or premises equipment or for unauthorized access to, alteration, theft or destruction of, data files, programs, procedures or information through accident, fraudulent means, or equipment or any other method, regardless of whether such damage occurs as a result of the Baldwin County's or its agent's or vendor's negligence. Statements and descriptions concerning the services and/or equipment are informational and are not given as a warranty of any kind.

The Baldwin County Commission does not warrant or guarantee that the information sent, relayed, carried or delivered through any third parties' networks/services will reach its destination or its correct address or recipient, or that the details of the recipient or sender are correct or accurate. Baldwin County shall not be liable for, and shall be excused from, any failure to deliver or perform, or for any delay in delivery or performance of services due to causes beyond its reasonable control.

Section 9. Hold Harmless:

A. Indemnity and Hold Harmless. To the fullest extent allowed by law, City shall indemnify, defend and hold Baldwin County, its Commissioners, officers, directors, agents, employees and representatives (collectively referred to in Section 9 as "Baldwin County") harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, judgments, costs, and expenses including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs, for any and all personal injury (including death) and property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever, incurred by or imposed upon Baldwin County, as a result of any entry upon or activity conducted by, or any act or omission of, City or any City representative, employee, agent, or subcontractor arising out of or related to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the construction, maintenance, upgrade, repair or removal of any information or equipment from the property and/or facilities. Baldwin County does not and shall not waive any rights against the City which it may have by reason of this indemnification and hold harmless agreement. This indemnification and hold harmless agreement by the City shall apply to all damages, penalties and claims of any kind, regardless of whether any insurance policy shall have been determined to be applicable to any such damages or claims for damages.

B. Further Liability. In no event or way will Baldwin County, its Commissioners, officers, directors, agents, employees and representatives be liable for any direct, incidental, indirect, special, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages, or for any other damages, including, but not limited to, personal injury, wrongful death, property damage, loss of data, loss of revenue or

profits, or damages arising out of or in connection with the use or inability to use the services and/or the equipment installed and/or serviced under this Agreement. The limitations set forth herein apply to claims founded in all areas, including, but not limited, to breach of contract, breach of warranty, and product liability, and apply whether or not Baldwin County was informed of the likelihood of any particular type of damages.

Section 10. Legal Compliance:

The City shall at all times comply with all applicable federal, state, county, local laws and regulations. The City agrees to use the services and/or equipment installed and/or serviced under this Agreement only for lawful purposes. The City will be responsible for any and all liability that may arise out of content transmitted by the City to any person, whether authorized or unauthorized, using the services and/or equipment.

Section 11. Core Owners Agreements:

This Agreement shall be subject to the Alabama Inter-zone Core Owners Agreement or any other agreement, rules or regulations approved by the Baldwin County Commission as a member or participant of the Core Owners in the operation and maintenance of the state-wide communications system.

Section 12. Miscellaneous:

A. This Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against one party than against the others merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the parties, it being recognized that both Baldwin County Commission and the City have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Agreement.

B. This Agreement embodies the entire agreement and understanding of the parties, and there are no further or prior agreements or understandings, written or oral, in effect between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof.

C. This Agreement may not be modified in any manner other than by an agreement as specified herein.

D. This Agreement may be executed in any number or counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be delivered by facsimile transmission.

E. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Alabama.

F. If any part, section, or subdivision of this Agreement shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

G. The headings or captions in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.

H. City's indemnity and hold harmless obligations under this Agreement shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.


Section 13. Notices: Notices shall be deemed given and received (a) if delivered personally (including by overnight express or messenger), upon delivery, (b) if delivered by mail, upon the earlier of actual delivery or three days after being mailed, or (c) if given by facsimile, upon confirmation of transmission by facsimile. Any party may change the address to which notices under this Agreement are to be sent to it by giving written notice of a change of address in the manner provided in this Agreement for giving notice. All notices are to be addressed as follows:

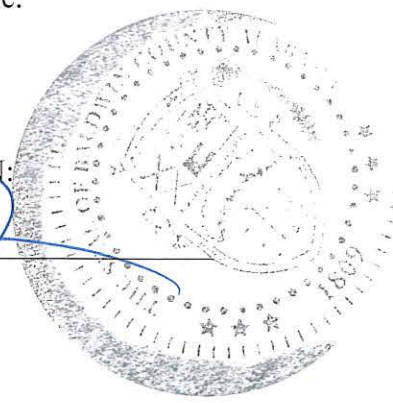
County: BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION
312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12
Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

City: CITY OF GULF SHORES
Attn.: Mayor
P. O. Box 299
Gulf Shores, Alabama 36547


or at such other addresses as the parties may specify in writing from time to time.

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION:

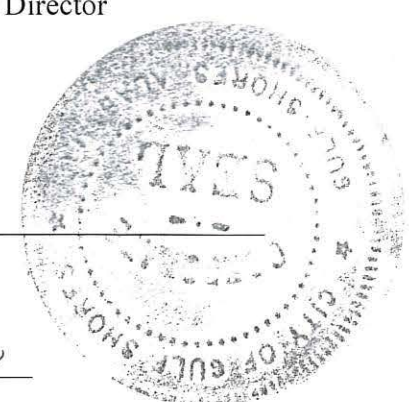

By: FRANK BURT, JR.
Its: Chairman



Attest: 
By: RONALD J. CINK
As: County Administrator/Budget Director

CITY: 
By: ROBERT CRAFT
Its: Mayor

Attest: 



By: WANDA PARRIS
Its: City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

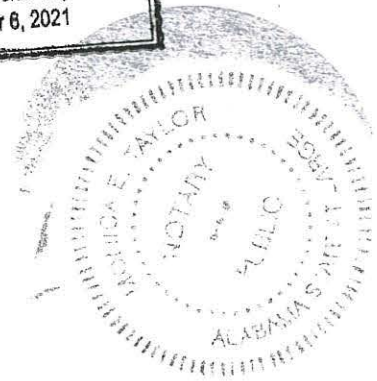
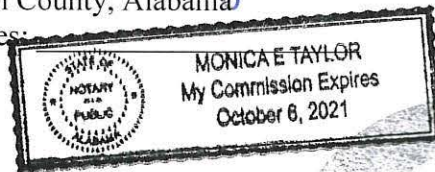
I, Monica E. Taylor, a Notary Public, in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that FRANK BURT, JR., as Chairman of the Baldwin County Commission, and RONALD J. CINK, as County Administrator/Budget Director of the Baldwin County Commission, whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument and who are known to me, acknowledged before me and on this day that, being informed of the contents of said instrument, they, as such Chairman and County Administrator/Budget Director of the Baldwin County Commission, and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date for and as an act of said Baldwin County Commission.

Given under my hand and seal this the 1st day of May, 2018.

Monica E. Taylor

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

My Commission expires:



STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

I, Emily Tidwell, a Notary Public, in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that ROBERT CRAFT, as Mayor of the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, an Alabama municipal corporation, and WANDA PARRIS, as City Clerk of the City of Gulf Shores, whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument and who are known to me,

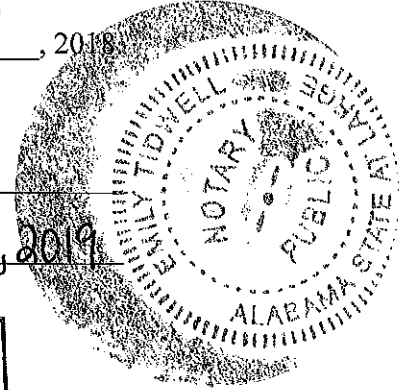
acknowledged before me and on this day that, being informed of the contents of said instrument, they, as such Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Gulf Shores, and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date for and as an act of said City of Gulf Shores.

Given under my hand and seal this the 20th day of April, 2019

Emily Tidwell

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

My Commission expires: April 6, 2019



Emily Tidwell
Notary Public, Alabama State At Large
My Commission Expires April 6, 2019