



Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners

Joint Workshop for Fire Services - County and City

Meeting Location
304 NW 2nd Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972
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~ Agenda ~

Thursday, June 25, 2020

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse, Room 270

Call to Order

Terry Burroughs	Chairman
Bryant Culpepper	Commissioner
Kelly Owens	Commissioner
David Hazellief	Commissioner
Bradley G. Goodbread	Commissioner
Robbie Chartier	County Administrator
Wade Vose	County Attorney
Jeff Shain	Deputy Clerk

2. City Council Members

I. Commencement

II. Agenda

1. JOINT WORKSHOP WITH THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE TO DISCUSS FIRE SERVICES— Tracy Rowland

That the Board of County Commissioners conduct a joint workshop with the City of Okeechobee to discuss fire services.

III. Public Comment

IV. Adjournment

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Board of County Commissioners**

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Okeechobee, FL 34972

Department: Administration
Category: General Business
Prepared By: Tracy Rowland
Initiator: Tracy Rowland

**COMPLETED
ACTION ITEM (ID # 5951)**

SUBJECT: JOINT WORKSHOP WITH THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE TO DISCUSS FIRE SERVICES

MEETING: Joint Workshop for Fire Services - County and City June 25, 2020

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
unknown

REQUESTED ACTION:

That the Board of County Commissioners conduct a joint workshop with the City of Okeechobee to discuss fire services.

BACKGROUND:

The negotiating team recommended the City and the County conduct a joint workshop to discuss fire services.

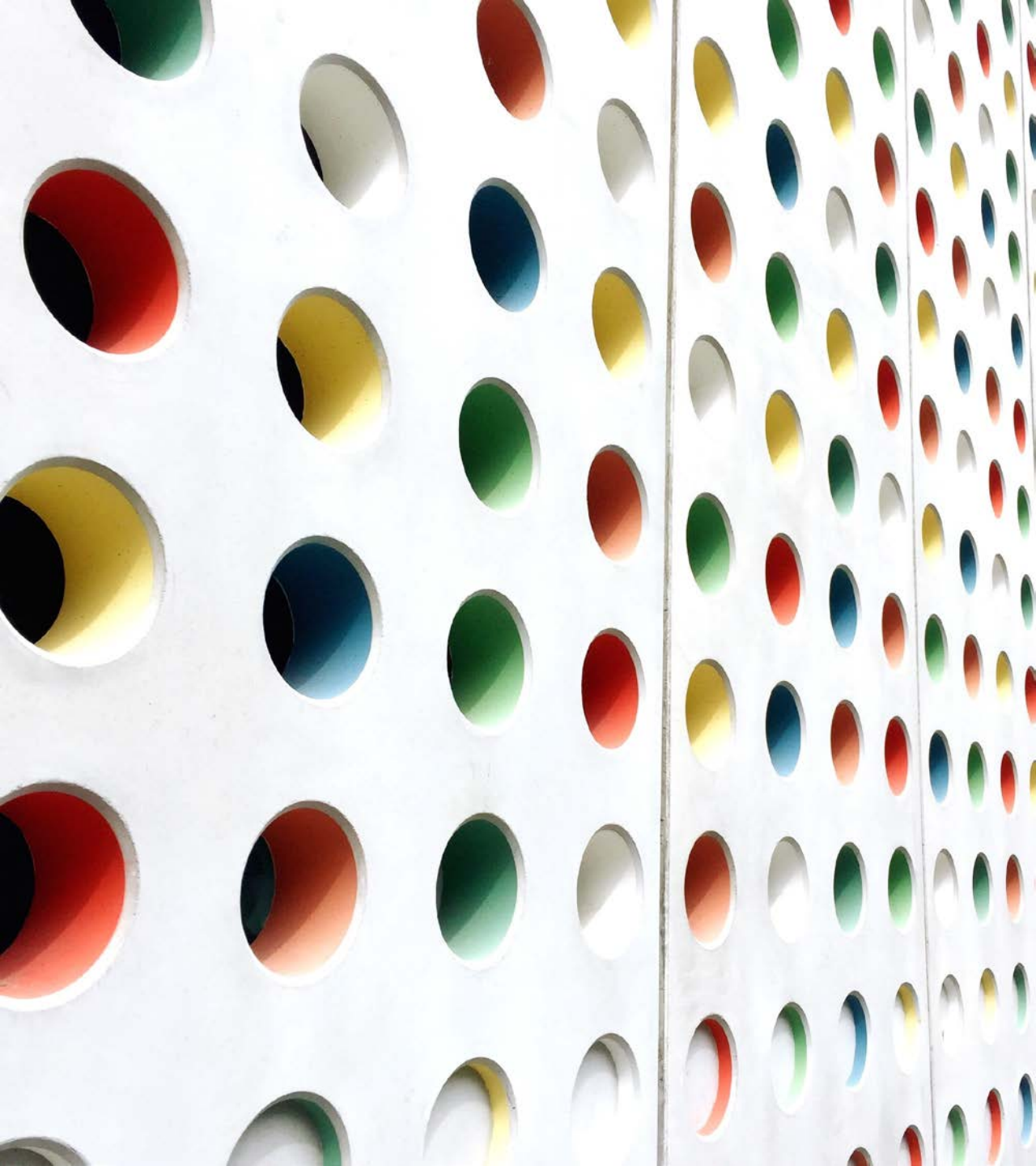
There are two distinct topics to be discussed. (More detail will be provided following the Teams meeting on June 23rd and this agenda item will be updated at that time.)

1. Fire Services
2. Personnel

Notice to attendees: room seating capacity will be limited due to social distancing requirements, screening will be conducted before entering the BOCC room, and all persons are required to wear masks while in the building and meeting room.

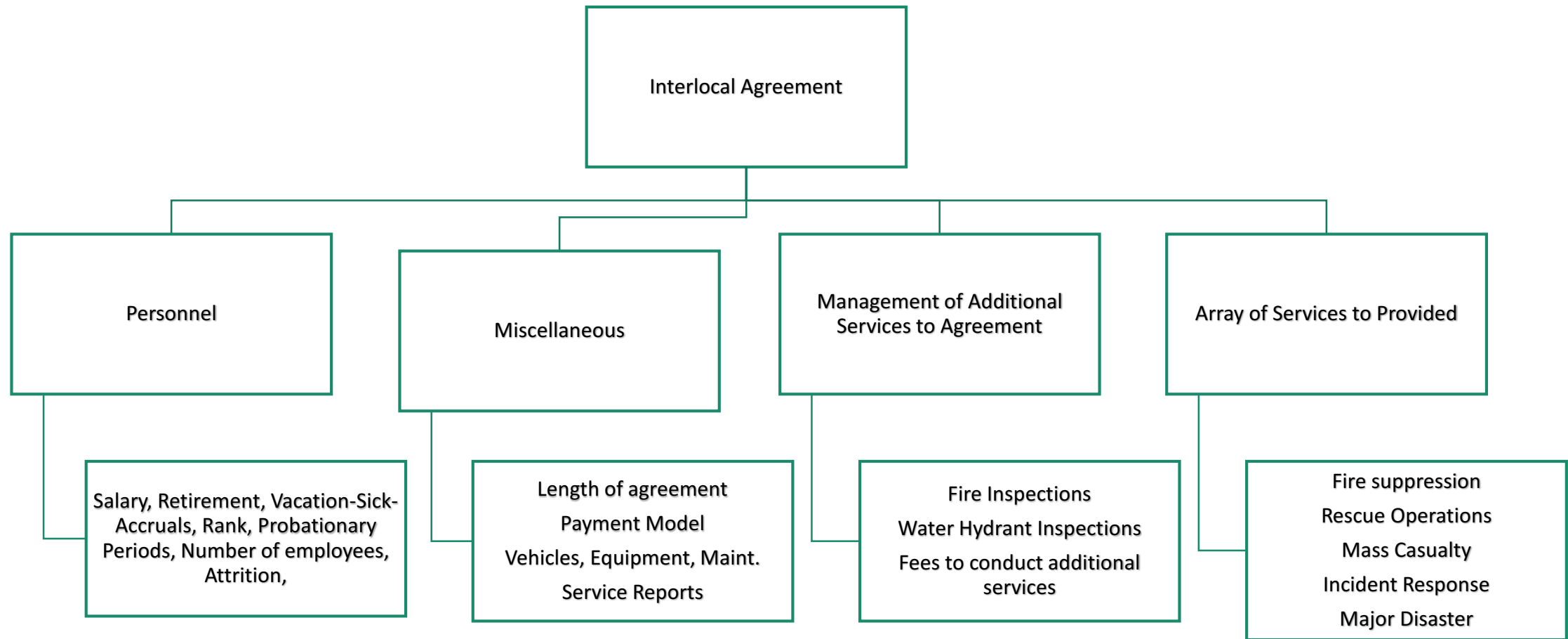
ATTACHMENTS:

- Powerpoint Workshop Attachment city-county fire PDFA and ADA (PDF)



City-County Fire Discussion

June 25, 2020



Joint Recommendations for Fire Service Agreement

1. Agreement will be based on current services provided by County
 - a) Fire suppression
 - b) Rescue Operations
 - c) Mass Casualty
 - d) Incident Response
 - e) Major Disaster
 - f) Fire Prevention
2. City desires to use current County fire assessment rate as basis for fee calculation for the first year
3. City to pay to be included in County's current fire assessment rate study being developed to determine the true fire assessment rate for City properties.
4. Fees (inspections, etc) will go city to offset costs of services rendered
5. Equipment (Fire trucks, bunker gear, etc.) will be provided to County at no cost
6. County will maintain vehicles at no charge to City
7. City will allow County to store fire reserve apparatus at existing city facility

Joint Recommendations for Fire Service Agreement

1. City desires to have a 5 year agreement
2. Performance metrics to be determined after software package has been implemented by County
3. City would pay for people to attend Paramedic school (current and transferred employees)
4. County has proposed taking 7 people (6 Paramedics and 1 inspector)
5. County could take an additional people and use them as attrition presents itself
6. City would pay for the additional people until attrition takes place
7. City Pension Options:
 1. Employee could stay in city pension plan or
 2. Employee could choose to enroll in County plan
8. Process to handle salary, vacation-sick accruals/current balances have been agreed to by both administrators.

Union Discussion Points

1. Seniority
2. Rank
3. Probationary Period
4. If City and County agrees to proposal, Union still needs to agree to proposal to complete process