



# Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

## RESOLUTION 2017-12 August 22, 2017

**RESOLUTION** by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 authorizing the transfer of funds from the Reserve Fund into the Expense Fund.

**WHEREAS**, Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 has set money aside in the Reserve Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners desire to appropriate the funds to assist the District in bridging a potential shortfall prior to tax collection in October, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, this transfer was forecasted by the budget that these funds would be needed during this timeframe to provide the necessary cash flow payment; and


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, the Treasurer of Pierce County, Washington is hereby requested to transfer \$ 1,500,000.00 from the Reserve Fund into the Expense Fund on August 31, 2017.

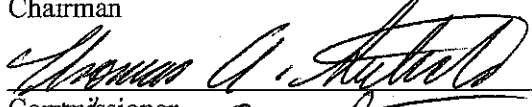
Adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Pierce County Fire District No. 5, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2017.

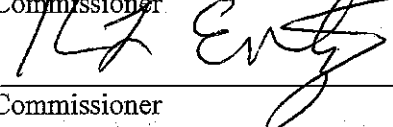
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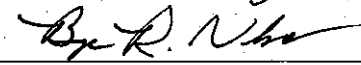
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District Secretary

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## Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

*By email only*

September 1, 2017

Mr. Lowell Porter  
Pierce County Director  
of Emergency Management

Re: CCN Invoice for Radio Communications Services

Dear Lowell:

This letter pertains to the invoice dated July 14, 2017 and related late notices that Pierce County DEM has been sending out to the fire districts. The invoice and late notices cause grave concern to the 700 MHz Users and to our fire district, so I thought perhaps a letter to you might be an appropriate way to express our concerns.

As you know, the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association believes in the importance of the "Ten Point Plan" explained in previous correspondence. We had thought that since the City of Tacoma and South Sound 911 endorsed the Ten Point Plan, that we might move forward against that background. Unfortunately, however, the CCN does not seem to agree. We have the proposed MOU regarding access to the Single County-Wide Communications System (SCWCS) and are considering that two-year agreement (through December 31, 2018).

However, since that contractual document has not yet been accepted and signed, we do not feel it is appropriate to pay an invoice. The State Auditor might well criticize our payment of a substantial sum without first having a contractual obligation to do so; we do not want to incur audit findings. Generally, we have no problem with the pricing and other reasonable terms, but there are still some contractual sticking points to be resolved. For example, some agencies asked that fees be pro-rated for part of the annual amount, in the event of an early termination of services to switch over to another radio system. Another important factor is this: SS911, with support from the County, launched a study in July that includes these issues; the study is expected to take some 90 days, and may well impact this MOU.

In light of the foregoing, I offer two options to consider: First, we ask the CCN to consider inserting the pro-rating option previously requested for those agencies that switch to another radio system, if a two-year MOU is retained. Second, in the alternative, we suggest that if the MOU is changed to a one-year agreement, only applicable to 2017, we would be willing to sign that and pay the invoice while we continue discussions about pro-rating for a 2018 MOU. But we cannot pay the invoice without a contract.

Very truly yours,

John Burgess, Fire Chief