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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of May 12, 2025

**Title/Subject**

Adoption of FY2024-25 Umatilla County Dispatch Agreement

**Summary and Background**

Due to a variety of circumstances, the City has not had a current Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for dispatch services. The IGA proposed is a result of many meetings with a variety of Umatilla County officials. The proposed agreement will continue services but there are many more discussions that need to happen on a more regular basis. I believe the commissioners and other County staff are committed to continuing these discussions.

I will highlight financial trends with the cost of dispatch services below.

**Tie-In to Council Goals**

N/A

**Fiscal Information**

Below is a history of the costs of dispatch to the City since we consolidated.

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed/Budgeted Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Actual Cost</u></b>
2014-2015	\$246,660	\$246,660
2015-2016	\$258,500	\$255,684
2016-2017	\$304,436	\$304,436
2017-2018	\$305,258	\$308,975
2018-2019	\$310,000	\$304,294
2019-2020	\$320,418	\$320,418

2020-2021	\$330,500/\$356,000	\$305,789
2021-2022	\$358,500	\$355,942
2022-2023	\$358,500	\$358,326
2023-2024	\$449,856	\$368,000
2024-2025	\$410,000	\$654,319/\$476,842

I show you these numbers so you can see why this cost is a large concern for staff. Here is a contract that has increased by over 50% for the agreement before you over the last four years. This agreement is below what the current agreed upon formula would have us pay. My biggest concern is that we never heard about the reasons for the increase until after the fact. There was no discussion with cities or fire agencies. Cities currently fund about half of the dispatch costs after subtracting out 911 tax revenue. I will say that I appreciate the commissioners taking more of the contract administration on their shoulders. There is a lot of work to do on this.

### **Alternatives and Recommendation**

#### **Alternatives**

1. Adopt IGA as presented.
2. Direct Staff to return to the County and continue to negotiate.

#### **Recommended Action/Motion**

Motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the FY2024-25 IGA for Dispatch Services as presented.

#### **Submitted By:**

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