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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR FUNDING THE SECOND YEAR CONTRACT FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS AND RELATED SUPPLIES [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approve reimbursement to the City of Reno (up to \$428,776.40) for the second year contract to continue the agency’s body worn camera program.

SUMMARY

The 79th Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 176 (SB 176), which requires uniformed peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency and who routinely interact with the public to wear a body worn camera device effective July 1, 2018. SB 176 expanded the permissible use of the county’s 911 telephone line surcharge fund to include the purchase and maintenance of body worn cameras.

In compliance with the “Washoe County Board of County Commissioners’ Policy” adopted January 16, 2018, the City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County have mutually agreed upon equipment from Axon Enterprise, Inc., to provide body worn cameras for the region. The City of Reno received a quote for body worn cameras and related supplies for use by the Reno Police Department and the Reno Municipal Court Marshal Division through the State of Nevada “3273 – Contract for Services of Independent Contractor” awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. (formerly Taser International). The quote is for five (5) years for a total of \$1,765,104.96; the second year of the contract is for \$428,776.40.

The City of Reno will pay the second year expense of the contract and is requesting the Washoe County 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve reimbursement to the City of Reno for the second year of the contract.

NRS APPLICABLE:

NRS 244.7643 and NRS 244A.7645 Provides approval of costs associated use of the county’s 911 telephone line surcharge fund to purchase and maintain body worn cameras.

STAKEHOLDER REVIEW(s)

Stakeholders are the City of Reno, the Reno Police Department and the Reno Municipal Court Marshal Division.

PREVIOUS ACTION & BACKGROUND

On January 16, 2018, the BCC adopted the policy of the Use of 911 Surcharge Funds for the Body Camera Mandate set forth in Nevada Senate Bill 176.

On January 18, 2018, the Washoe County 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee adopted the Five Year Master Plan Update, prepared by the Galena Group Incorporated.

On February 20, 2018, the BCC adopted the Washoe County Regional 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee Five Year Master Plan Update, prepared by the Galena Group Incorporated, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.

On March 15, 2018, the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee recommended the BCC reimburse the City of Reno, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for costs associated with the first year of the body worn camera program and contract.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Enhanced 911 Fund is a special revenue fund which receives revenue pursuant to NRS 244A.7643 in the form of telephone surcharges collected to support the emergency reporting system and the funding of body worn cameras for uniformed peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency who routinely interact with the public. Budget authority exists within the E911 Fund to reimburse the City of Reno for the expense.

The City of Reno will pay the second year expense of the contract, effective April 1, 2019, and is requesting the Washoe County 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to approve reimbursement to the agency up to \$428,776.40 for the second year contract, in order to continue the agency's body worn camera program.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee approve the request to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to approve reimbursement to the City of Reno up to \$428,776.40 for the second year contract to continue the agency's body worn camera program.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to approve the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve reimbursement to the City of Reno up to \$428,776.40 for the second year contract to continue the agency's body worn camera program.