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**TO:** 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee

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**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT for funding 2nd year contract for Body Worn Cameras (Hereinafter “BWC”) and related supplies in the amount not to exceed \$359,673.00

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**SUMMARY:**

The 79th Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 176 (SB 176), which requires uniformed peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency and who were in routine contact with the public to wear a body worn camera (Hereinafter BWC) device effective July 1, 2018. 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 BWC’s for the region. The initial term of the Joinder Contract shall be from April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023.

The Emergency Response Advisory Committee approved year one funding in the amount of \$50,000 on March 15, 2018 and year two funding in the amount of \$227,889.00 on May 16, 2019. The term of the 5 year contract was presented to and approved by the Emergency Response Advisory Committee and their 5 year master plan.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and healthy Communities.**

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 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 13, 2018, the BCC authorized a Joinder Contract to purchase Body Worn cameras (BWC) and related supplies for the WCSO Operations Division through the State of Nevada “3273 – Contract for Services of Independent Contractor” awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. (formerly Taser International), 17800 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Street Scottsdale, AZ, 85255. Expenditures are [\$730,579.25] per the contract term of April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023. The fiscal year costs for the contract term are: FY18-\$49,999.25, FY19-\$227,889.00, FY20-\$227,889.00, FY21-\$227,889.00 and FY22-\$227,889.00.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office sought approval to expand the BWC program to include commissioned members assigned to the Detention Division and Administrative Division. Expenditures are {\$1,261,755.00] per the contract term. The fiscal year costs for the contract term are: year 1 -\$182,736.00, year 2 -\$359,673.00, Year 3-\$359,673.00 and Year 4-\$359,673.00.

On September 19, 2019 the E911 approved the Joinder Contract and expansion of the BWC program for WCSO Detention and Administrative Division.

Sheriff's Office is seeking reimbursement for funding 2nd year contract for Body Worn Cameras (Hereinafter "BWC") and related supplies in the amount of \$359,673.00.

### **APPLICABLE NRS:**

NRS 244A.7645 provides approval of costs associated with maintenance, upgrade and replacement of equipment necessary for the operation of the enhanced telephone system.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION & BACKGROUND**

In 2017, the 79th Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 176 (SB 176), which requires uniformed peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency and who are in routine contact with the public to wear a BWC device effective July 1, 2018. Since passage, representatives of the Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office have discussed a mutually agreed upon vendor to provide body worn cameras. This will ensure equipment interoperability between all law enforcement agencies and smooth prosecution of criminal cases by the Reno City Attorney's Office, Sparks City Attorney's Office and the Washoe County District Attorney's Office.

Research by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office determined a greater discount was available through a Joinder Contract through the State of Nevada "3273 – Contract for Services of Independent Contractor" awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. (formerly Taser International).

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office successfully deployed a BWC program on Monday June 11, 2018, three weeks ahead of the State of Nevada statutory mandate in accordance with law. These BWC's have been a welcomed tool to the law enforcement professional documenting incidents in the field as they rapidly unfold. The BWC program has been widely successful overall in our Office.

In an effort to continue that success and protect our officers, the county, and community that we serve, the need to expand the BWC program to include commissioned members assigned to the Detention Division and Administrative Division is paramount.

The State of Nevada has significantly greater volume purchasing discounts than those that may be offered to Washoe County. Pursuant to *NRS 332.195 Joinder or mutual use of contracts by governmental entities*, Washoe County may join or use the contracts of local governments located

within or outside this State with the authorization of the contracting vendor. Axon Enterprise, Inc., is a current vendor under the State of Nevada award; the vendor has been notified and agrees to provide body worn cameras and related equipment to Washoe County in accordance with the pricing agreement of the State of Nevada. The estimated expenditures are \$1,261,755.00 per the 4-year contract term.

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### **Summary of Payments**

Payment	Amount (USD)
Year 1	182,736.00
Spares	0.00
Year 2	359,673.00
Year 3	359,673.00
Year 4	359,673.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,261,755.00</b>

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Under Senate Bill 176 of the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session of the State of Nevada these additional expenses are reimbursable, and the intent is to seek reimbursement for these expenses through the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.

Budget authority exists with the 911 Fund to reimburse the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for the contract term in the amount of \$1,261,755.00.

In order to ensure the entire three hundred (300) commissioned Detention Division and Administrative Division staff members assigned throughout the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office is uniform there will be several technological upgrades and additions. Technology Services is required to install data-supporting docks in several locations for the BWC devices, as well.

The intent is to use E-911 telephone line surcharges to fund all expenses. The required ordinance changes and the associated E-911 fee surcharge resolution were heard and approved at the September 24, 2019, Board of County Commissioners’ meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee approve the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office 2nd year contract term for BWC’s in the amount not to exceed \$359,673.00.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Motion to recommend approval for reimbursement and associated costs of 2<sup>nd</sup> year contract for BWC's in the amount not to exceed \$359,673.00 made payable to Washoe County Sheriff's Office.