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TO: 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR YEAR 1 OF BODY WORN AND FLEET CAMERA CONTRACT COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$259,970.70 [For possible action] – A review, discussion, and possible action to approve reimbursement to the City of Sparks for Year 1 payment of BWC and fleet camera systems. Total request not to exceed \$259,970.70.

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 and fleet cameras.

The City of Sparks through the Sparks Police Department continues to operate the Axon Enterprises BWC and fleet camera system. The City of Sparks through the Sparks Police Department has entered a new 5-year contract with Axon to consolidate all Axon services into one yearly cost and add new services directly related to the BWC and fleet systems to improve activation, authentication and recording of all events and processing of data to shorten timelines of availability of such recordings to the public. The City of Sparks through the Sparks Police Department is requesting the Washoe County 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee approve reimbursement to the City of Sparks for year 1 payment of the BWC and fleet systems.

The City of Sparks through the Sparks Police Department has paid for and received these equipment items and services incorporated in the new contract and is requesting the Washoe County 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee approve reimbursement to the City of Sparks for these invoices. The costs of other Axon services that are included in the overall invoice but not directly related to BWC and Fleet camera systems that the City of Sparks has chosen to purchase are not included in this request. Those costs have been paid for by the City of Sparks. Axon Enterprises has provided credits in the new contract for services already purchased under the previous contract.

NRS APPLICABLE:

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

STAKEHOLDER REVIEW(s)

Stakeholders are the City of Sparks, Sparks Police Department and Sparks Municipal Court Marshals.

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.

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 and fleet 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 Sparks for the expense.

The City of Sparks has paid for and received equipment and services identified in this report and is requesting the Washoe County 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee approve reimbursement to the agency up to \$259,970.70 for the Year 1 BWC and fleet costs.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee approve the request for reimbursement to the City of Sparks up to \$259,970.70 for the Year 1 BWC and fleet costs.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to approve the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve reimbursement to the City of Sparks up to \$259,970.70 for the Year 1 BWC and fleet costs.