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TO: 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT for year one funding and associated costs for an additional twelve (12) Body Worn Cameras (Hereinafter “BWC”) and nine (9) vehicle fleet kits in the amount not to exceed \$56,795.60 for the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office

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 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, year two funding in the amount of \$227,889.00 on May 16, 2019, year three funding in the amount of \$227,889.00 on October 8, 2020. The term of the 5-year contract was presented to and approved by the Emergency Response Advisory Committee and their 5-year master plan. Year five expenses are in the amount of \$227,889.00. They include cameras, licenses, storage, and CAD/RMS service.

The Washoe County Sheriff’s Office received Board of County Commissioner Approval and funding to hire twelve additional full time deputy sheriffs and purchase nine vehicles for the office.

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 through the State of Nevada “3273 – Contract for Services of

Independent Contractor” awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. (formerly Taser International), 17800 N. 85th 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.

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.

The additional BWC and Fleet Cameras will be added to the existing WCSO Axon contracts that have been approved previously by the E911 Committee. The summary of payments is broken into two groups: BWC and Fleet Camera.

BWC: Group 1-Year 1 and 2 (Homelessness Program), Group 2- Year 1 and 2 (Incline Village), Group 3 – Year 1 (Fleet 3 Docking Stations, One Time Payment)

Fleet Camera: Fleet Camera contract is broken into Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3

ADDITIONAL TWELVE (12) BWC

- (Group 1) Three Cameras for the Homelessness Program
- (Group 2) Nine Cameras for the Incline Village Substation Program
- (Group 3) One Time Payment for Five Fleet Three Docking Stations to be located at Incline Village x2, Homeless Program at County Complex, WCSO Patrol, and WCSO Detention

Summary of Payments

Payment	Amount (USD)
Year 1: Group 1	5,424.90
Year 1: Group 2	16,274.70
Year 1: Group 3	7,475.00
Year 2: Group 1	3,528.00
Year 2: Group 2	10,584.00
Grand Total	43,286.60

ADDITIONAL NINE (9) FLEET KITS

- 2 Cameras for the Homelessness Program
- 6 Cameras for the Incline Village Substation Program
- 1 Camera for the Incline Village Motor Vehicle Program

Payment	Amount (USD)
Year 1	27,621.00
Year 2	13,932.00
Year 3	13,932.00
Grand Total	55,485.00

Total cost for BWC contract over the two-year period (FY 2022 and FY 2023), \$43,286.60

Total cost for Fleet Camera over the three-year contract (FY 2022, FY 2023 and FY 2024), \$55,485.00

An additional contingency fund is calculated into the cost for unanticipated expenses such as additional data lines or infrastructure needed to for the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Under Senate Bill 176 of the 79th 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 exits with the 911 Fund to reimburse the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for twelve (12) BWC for year one (\$29,174.60) and nine (9) Fleet Cameras for year one (\$27,621.00), in the amount not to exceed \$56,795.60 for FY 2022.

Total contract for Year two (2): \$28,044.00 for FY 2023

Total contract for Year three (3): \$13,932.00 for FY 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve reimbursement for year one funding and associated costs for an additional twelve (12) Body Worn Cameras (Hereinafter “BWC”) and nine (9) vehicle fleet kits, in the amount not to exceed \$56,795.60 for the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: Move to approve for year one funding and associated costs for an additional twelve (12) Body Worn Cameras (Hereinafter “BWC”) and nine (9) vehicle fleet kits, in the amount not to exceed \$56,795.60 for the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office.