



WASHOE COUNTY

May 20, 2021 E911 Committee Meeting

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STAFF REPORT

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: *May 20, 2021*

DATE: Friday, May 14, 2021

TO: 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee

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THROUGH: Behzad Zamanian, Chief Information Officer, Washoe County

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve an unbudgeted transfer of funds in the amount of [\$750,000] from the Enhanced 911 Fund to Washoe County's Capital Improvement Project fund to commit the funds to the Regional Computer Aided Dispatch project in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

SUMMARY

The City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County are currently working together to upgrade the current regional Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The costs of implementation for the new CAD system will be covered through 911 surcharge funds. The fund transfer in question would commit 911 funds to the CAD project by transferring funds from the Enhanced 911 Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund in the WCSO Records_Detention_CAD System project.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities and Regional and Community Leadership

PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 21, 2019 the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee approved funding for a CAD/RMS consultant to produce a Request for Proposals at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County, the City of Reno, and City of Sparks recognize the need for a shared regional Computer Aided Dispatch system and Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS) to be used at regional Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) and at the respective law enforcement agencies to efficiently and effectively dispatch first responders and law enforcement personnel in emergency situations, and to manage and share, when appropriate, law enforcement records. Regional law enforcement agencies have operated together for over two decades using shared CAD and LERMS technologies operated by the City of Reno.

The current CAD/LERMS system operated by the City of Reno is functional and continues to be supported by the vendor but does not provide modern functionality necessary to operate PSAPs, respond to emergencies, or manage and share law records in

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the most efficient and effective manner possible. Reno, Sparks and Washoe County understand that the current situation provides an opportunity to upgrade technology.

NRS 244A.7645 (3b) authorizes use of 911 surcharge funds:

With respect to the telephone system for reporting an emergency:

(1) In a county whose population is 45,000 or more, to enhance the telephone system for reporting an emergency, including only:

(I) Paying recurring and nonrecurring charges for telecommunication services necessary for the operation of the enhanced telephone system;

(II) Paying costs for personnel and training associated with the routine maintenance and updating of the database for the system;

(III) Purchasing, leasing or renting the equipment and software necessary to operate the enhanced telephone system, including, without limitation, equipment and software that identify the number or location from which a call is made; and

(IV) Paying costs associated with any maintenance, upgrade and replacement of equipment and software necessary for the operation of the enhanced telephone system.

NRS 244A.7645 (6) specifies the maximum fund balance:

If the balance in the fund created in a county whose population is 100,000 or more pursuant to subsection 3 which has not been committed for expenditure exceeds \$5,000,000 at the end of any fiscal year, the board of county commissioners shall reduce the amount of the surcharge imposed during the next fiscal year by the amount necessary to ensure that the unencumbered balance in the fund at the end of the next fiscal year does not exceed \$5,000,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

The unbudgeted transfer in the amount of \$750,000 would be from the Enhanced 911 Fund (208), Enhanced 911 Admin (800801) to the Capital Improvements Fund (402), WCSO Records_Detention_CAD System (PW920413) to support the Regional Computer Aided Dispatch Project.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve an unbudgeted transfer of funds in the amount of [\$750,000] from the Enhanced 911 Fund to Washoe County's Capital Improvement Project fund for the purposes of funding the Regional Computer Aided Dispatch project in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If the committee agrees with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve an unbudgeted transfer of funds in the amount of [\$750,000] from the Enhanced 911 Fund to Washoe County's Capital Improvement Project fund for the

purposes of funding the Regional Computer Aided Dispatch project in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.”