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TO: 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE [For Possible Action] - A review, discussion and possible action to approve reimbursement to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$6,241.55 for the purchase and upgrade of body-worn cameras and associated costs for staff from the Alternative Sentencing Unit; and if approved, forward such recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 176 (SB 176), passed by the 79th Nevada Legislature, requires uniformed peace officers who have routine contact with the public to wear body-worn cameras, effective July 1, 2018. In accordance with the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners' policy adopted January 16, 2018, Washoe County, the City of Reno, and the City of Sparks mutually selected Axon Enterprise, Inc. as the regional provider for body-worn camera and fleet camera systems.

On October 14, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners initiated proceedings to repeal Washoe County Code Chapter 11 and dissolve the Department of Alternative Sentencing (DAS) effective January 1, 2026.

To ensure service continuity and mitigate operational disruption, the reassignment and/or reclassification of former DAS personnel into existing County departments with related functions and organizational infrastructure was recommended and requested. Specifically, seven positions were requested to be transferred to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, which included Alternative Sentencing Officers and Alternative Sentencing Sergeants.

On December 16, 2025, the BCC approved these personnel changes (Alternative Sentencing Officer, Alternative Sentencing Sergeant) including position reassignments, department vehicle assignments, and transition of program functions to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office effective January 1, 2026.

New Axon Body-Worn Camera (BWC 4) equipment was purchased for the Alternative Sentencing Unit (ASU) to bring the unit into compliance with the Sheriff's Office's current body-worn camera standards. This purchase ensures compatibility with the agency's existing Axon infrastructure, evidence management system, and overall technology platform.

Washoe County, through the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, continues to operate and maintain

these body-worn camera systems and is requesting reimbursement approval from the Washoe County 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee for the upgraded equipment costs. The Sheriff's Office has already paid for and received the applicable equipment and services and is requesting reimbursement only for those invoices directly related to the body-worn camera systems. All attached invoices include only E911-reimbursable items directly related to the body-worn camera systems.

NRS APPLICABLE:

NRS 244.7643 and NRS 244A.7645 authorize the use of Washoe County's emergency 911 telephone surcharge fund for costs associated with the purchase and maintenance of body-worn and fleet camera systems.

STAKEHOLDER REVIEW

Stakeholders are Washoe County and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

PREVIOUS ACTION & BACKGROUND

On January 16, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners 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 Board of County Commissioners 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.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The Enhanced 911 (E911) Fund is a special revenue fund that receives revenue pursuant to NRS 244A.7643 through telephone surcharges collected to support the emergency reporting system, including the funding of body-worn and fleet camera systems for uniformed peace officers who routinely interact with the public. Sufficient budget authority exists within the E911 Fund to reimburse the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the expenses identified in this report.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has purchased and deployed the Axon body-worn camera equipment and associated services for the Alternative Sentencing Unit and is requesting reimbursement approval from the Washoe County 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee for reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$6,241.55.

The attached invoice has been reviewed and includes only E911-reimbursable items directly related to body-worn camera systems, as outlined below:

- Invoice #450743—BWC Bundle

Total reimbursement requested: \$6,241.55

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office receives an annual Axon invoice each February through 2034. Beginning in March 2027, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office will return annually to the Washoe County 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee to request reimbursement for the upcoming contract year. It is anticipated that reimbursement requests for each subsequent year of the 10-year contract will be approximately **\$1.7 million annually**, subject to contract terms and system needs. The Alternative Sentencing Axon equipment costs associated with BWC will be added to the remaining eight year contract, and included in the yearly requests submitted to the Washoe County 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee approve reimbursement to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$6,241.55 for the purchase and upgrade of body-worn cameras and associated costs for staff from the Alternative Sentencing Unit; and if approved, forward such recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to approve reimbursement to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$6,241.55 for the purchase and upgrade of body-worn cameras and associated costs for staff from the Alternative Sentencing Unit; and if approved, forward such recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.