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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 24, 2022

DATE: Thursday, May 19, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Tim O'Connor, Chief Deputy, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, (775) 328-3007 – toconnor@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Sheriff Darin Balaam

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the Axon contract for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and enter a new contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a fifty-five month term at a cost not to exceed [year one \$42,327.14, year two \$85,636.92, year three \$85,636.92, year four \$85,636.92, year five \$85,637.10] annually, or [\$384,875.00] for the full sixty months; to support Body Worn Cameras, fleet car cameras, and less lethal (Tasers), and other support services offered by Axon Enterprise, Inc. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board to approve the Axon contract for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and enter a new contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a fifty-five month term at a cost not to exceed [year one \$42,327.14, year two \$85,636.92, year three \$85,636.92, year four \$85,636.92, year five \$85,637.10] annually, or [\$384,875.00] for the full sixty months; to support Body Worn Cameras, fleet car cameras, and less lethal (Tasers), and other support services offered by Axon Enterprise, Inc.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 11, 2022, the Board approved item #22 (Clerk #22-0036), the recommendation to approve the Axon bundled contract under sole source purchasing exemption for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and enter into a new contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a sixty-month term at a cost not to exceed [\$1,350,000.00] annually, or [\$6,750,000.00] for the full sixty months; to support Body Worn Cameras, fleet car cameras, less lethal (Tasers), and other support services offered by Axon Enterprise, Inc.

On December 14, 2021, the Board approved item #9 (Clerk #21-0929), recommendation to approve allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in

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a total amount of \$40,201,764.00. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office received \$1,956,096.00 for twenty-two deputy positions, four patrol vehicles, and safety equipment (Tasers, Body Worn Cameras, four fleet cameras).

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is requesting to enter into a new contract to purchase 22 Tasers, 22 Body Worn Cameras, and 4 Fleet Cameras. The Washoe County Board of County Commissioners approved 22 new positions, 4 new patrol vehicles, and the supporting safety equipment at the Board meeting on December 14, 2021.

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.

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.

The total cost of the new contract over the 55-month term is \$384,875.00:

- Year one: \$42,327.14 (July 2022 – February 2023)
- Year two: \$85,636.92
- Year three: \$85,636.92
- Year four: \$85,636.92
- Year five: \$85,637.10

A portion of the overall costs are reimbursable expenses from the E911 Surcharge Funds (Body Worn Cameras and Fleet Cameras). Anticipated E911 reimbursable funds are listed below:

- Year one: \$30,821.99
- Year two: \$65,913.73
- Year three: \$65,913.73
- Year four: \$65,913.73
- Year five: \$65,913.91

Anticipated fiscal impact listed below:

- Year one: \$11,505.15 (approved by BCC with ARPA funds)
- Year two: \$19,723.19 (General Funds)
- Year three: \$19,723.19 (General Funds)
- Year four: \$19,723.19 (General Funds)
- Year five: \$19,723.19 (General Funds)

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this agreement, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office will continue to seek reimbursement in the amount of: Year one \$30,821.99, Year two \$65,913.73, Year three \$ 65,913.73, Year 4 \$65,913.73, Year five \$65,913.91 through E911 Surcharge Funds to pay for its' Body Worn Camera and vehicle fleet camera systems.

The remaining annual balance for the first contract year (\$11,505.15) will be paid with American Rescue Plan Act funds that were approved by the Board on December 14, 2021.

The remaining annual balance for year two (\$19,723.19), year three (\$19,723.19), year four (\$19,723.19), and year five (\$19,723.19), will be covered and managed within the existing Sheriff's Office Fund Center 150-0 through cost savings and staff vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Washoe County Board of Commissioners approve the Axon contract for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and enter a new contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a fifty-five month term at a cost not to exceed [year one \$42,327.14, year two \$85,636.92, year three \$85,636.92, year four \$85,636.92, year five \$85,637.10] annually, or [\$384,875.00] for the full sixty months; to support Body Worn Cameras, fleet car cameras, and less lethal (Tasers), and other support services offered by Axon Enterprise, Inc.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "approve the Axon contract under sole source purchasing exemption for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and enter a new contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a fifty-five month term at a cost not to exceed [year one \$42,327.14, year two \$85,636.92, year three \$85,636.92, year four \$85,636.92, year five \$85,637.10] annually, or [\$384,875.00] for the full sixty months; to support Body Worn Cameras, fleet car cameras, and less lethal (Tasers), and other support services offered by Axon Enterprise, Inc.