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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: March 13, 2018

DATE: Friday, February 23, 2018
TO: Board of County Commissioners
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize for 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 St, Scottsdale, AZ, 85255. Estimated expenditures are [\$730,579.25] per the contract term. If approved, authorize Purchasing and Contractors Manager to execute all relevant contract documents and agreements. (All Commission Districts.)

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. 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 body worn cameras for the region. The initial term of the Joinder Contract shall be from April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

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.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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 routinely interact with the public to wear a body worn camera 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.

In 2016, the Nevada Highway Patrol successfully deployed a body worn camera program throughout the State of Nevada utilizing products and supplies from Axon Enterprise, Inc. In compliance with the BCC Policy adopted January 16, 2018, the City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County have mutually agreed upon the purchase and utilization of body worn cameras from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the region. Research by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office determined a greater discount was available through a Joinder Contract through the State of Nevada "3273 – Contract for Services of Independent Contractor" awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. (formerly Taser International).

The State of Nevada has significantly greater volume purchasing discounts than those that may be offered to Washoe County. Pursuant to *NRS 332.195 Joinder or mutual use of contracts by governmental entities*, Washoe County may join or use the contracts of local governments located within or outside this State with the authorization of the contracting vendor. Axon Enterprise, Inc., is a current vendor under the State of Nevada award; the vendor has been notified and agrees to provide body worn cameras and related equipment to Washoe County in accordance with the pricing agreement of the State of Nevada. The estimated expenditures are \$730,579.25 per the 5 year contract term (April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023).

FISCAL IMPACT

This Award shall be for body worn cameras and related supplies in the amount of \$730,579.25 per the contract term of April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023. The fiscal year costs for the contract term will be FY18-\$49,999.25, FY19-\$170,145.00, FY20-\$170,145.00, FY21-\$170,145.00 and FY22-\$170,145.00.

The intent is to use E-911 telephone line surcharges to fund this expense. The required ordinance changes and the associated E-911 fee surcharge resolution are anticipated to be heard at the March 27, 2018, Board of County Commissioners' meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners authorize for 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 St, Scottsdale, AZ, 85255. Estimated expenditures are [\$730,579.25] per the contract term. If approved, authorize

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to authorize for 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 St, Scottsdale, AZ, 85255. Estimated expenditures are [\$730,579.25] per the contract term. If approved, authorize Purchasing and Contractors Manager to execute all relevant contract documents and agreements."