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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *March 13, 2018*

DATE: February 12, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: John Slaughter, County Manager

SUBJECT: Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 65 of the Washoe County Code by modifying the permissible maximum 911 telephone line surcharge; by clarifying that the permissible use of the 911 telephone line surcharge includes the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices in accordance with the 2017 Nevada Legislature's enactment of Senate Bill ("SB") 176; and by specifying that the unencumbered fund balance shall not exceed \$5,000,000 at the end of any fiscal year, and all other matters properly relating thereto; and, if supported, set the public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance on March 27, 2018. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The 79th Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 176 (SB 176), which requires all uniformed peace officers, employed by a law enforcement agency, and who routinely interact with the public to wear a body camera while on duty. SB 176 provides a funding mechanism for this expense in that it allows for an increase in the monthly 911 telephone line surcharge of up to \$1.00 per month for each customer access line to the local exchange of a telecommunications provider; up to \$1.00 per month for each telephone number assigned a customer by a supplier of mobile telephone service; and up to \$10.00 per month for each customer trunk line to the local exchange of a telecommunications provider. SB 176 also places a limit of \$5,000,000 on the amount of unencumbered 911 surcharge funds in the special revenue fund at the end of any fiscal year. Accordingly, the Washoe County manager's office requests amendments to Washoe County Code ("WCC") Chapter 65 in accordance with SB 176.

Department Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On October 10, 2017, the board approved changes to WCC Chapter 65 to expand the authority of the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee (“911 Committee”) to include the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices (body cameras) and vehicular event recording devices (in-vehicle cameras).

On October 24, 2017, the board appointed two members to the 911 Committee to represent Washoe County, and also confirmed Washoe County Sheriff Chuck Allen’s appointment of one member to the 911 Committee.

On January 16, 2018, the board adopted the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners’ Policy on the Use of 911 Surcharge Funds for the Body Camera Mandate set forth in Nevada Senate Bill 176 (2017).

On February 20, 2018, the board approved the updated 5 Year Regional 911 Master Plan.

BACKGROUND

The 79th Nevada Legislature passed SB 176, which, in relevant part:

1. Increases the permissible 911 telephone line surcharge amount that a county may collect up to a maximum amount of:
 - \$1.00 per month for each customer access line to the local exchange of a telecommunications provider
 - \$1.00 per month for each telephone number assigned a customer by a supplier of mobile telephone service; and
 - \$10.00 per month for each customer trunk line to the local exchange of a telecommunications provider.
2. Increases the permissible unencumbered 911 fund balance limit from \$1,000,000 up to \$5,000,000 at the end of any fiscal year.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Due to the legislative changes set forth in NV SB 176 (2017), the County Manager recommends that the board enact amendments to WCC Chapter 65, as set forth in the attached ordinance. Specifically, the requested ordinance:

- Adjusts the permissible maximum monthly surcharge from up to \$0.25 for access lines and mobile telephone numbers to up to \$1.00; and adjusts the permissible monthly surcharge from up to \$2.50 for trunk lines to up to \$10.00.
- Continues to provide that the actual surcharge amount shall be set by resolution.
- Limits the unencumbered 911 surcharge fund balance to \$5,000,000 at the end of any fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact as a result of the board of county commissioners adopting the proposed ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners introduce and conduct a first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 65 of the Washoe County Code by modifying the permissible maximum 911 telephone line surcharge; by clarifying that the permissible use of the 911 telephone line surcharge includes the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices in accordance with the 2017 Nevada Legislature's enactment of Senate Bill ("SB") 176; and by specifying that the unencumbered fund balance shall not exceed \$5,000,000 at the end of any fiscal year, and all other matters properly relating thereto; and, if supported, set the public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance on March 27, 2018.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board of County Commissioners agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be:

Move to introduce on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners a first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 65 of the Washoe County Code by modifying the permissible maximum 911 telephone line surcharge; by clarifying that the permissible use of the 911 telephone line surcharge includes the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices in accordance with the 2017 Nevada Legislature's enactment of Senate Bill ("SB") 176; and by specifying that the unencumbered fund balance shall not exceed \$5,000,000 at the end of any fiscal year, and all other matters properly relating thereto; and, if supported, set the public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance on March 27, 2018.