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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 24, 2018

DATE: Friday, June 22, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize to amend a Joinder Contract to purchase additional Body Worn Cameras (BWC), investigative licenses, and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) licenses to streamline data entry. Estimated expenditures are an additional [\$254,350.50] for 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. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office began using body worn cameras on Monday, June 11, 2018, three weeks ahead of the required date. The Sheriff has identified the need to outfit additional deputies with body worn cameras, additional "basic" licenses for investigative personnel to assist in successful prosecution of major crimes, and user licenses for the computer aided dispatch system.

The term of the Joinder Contract is 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

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Group Incorporated, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.

On March 13, 2018, the BCC authorized 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. Expenditures are [\$730,579.25] per the contract term of April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023. The fiscal year costs for the contract term are: FY18-\$49,999.25, FY19-\$170,145.00, FY20-\$170,145.00, FY21-\$170,145.00 and FY22-\$170,145.00.

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.

The Washoe County Sheriff’s Office successfully deployed a body worn camera program on Monday, June 11, 2018, three weeks ahead of the required date. The Sheriff’s Office intermittently deploys a number of detention and investigative deputies to special events, natural disasters, and other needs of the community where contact with the public may be necessary. These deputies are not required by law to be outfitted with a body cam; however, to demonstrate transparency, document statements, observations, behaviors, and other evidence, they will be required to use “spare” cameras for these purposes. Additionally, the Sheriff recognized the need for additional “basic” licenses for support personnel, Detectives, and supervisory staff. These licenses are necessary for civilian personnel who prepare case evidence for sharing with the Washoe County District Attorney, for investigative personnel to assist in successful prosecution of major crimes, and for commissioned supervisors to ensure compliance with policy and laws for activations of body worn cameras.

While negotiating individual agency contracts, the Reno Police Department contracted with Axon Enterprise, Inc, to provide an interface to the Tiburon Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. This interface automatically adds CAD incident numbers, categories, and case numbers to individual videos created by their officers during calls for service. Since deployment by the Reno Police Department, the CAD interface has saved countless hours of manual data input by their officers. In addition, civilian staff can easily and efficiently create cases for sharing of data and smooth prosecution of criminal cases by the Reno City Attorney’s Office and the Washoe County District Attorney’s Office. Since the Reno Police Department owns the CAD system, the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office can seamlessly join the interface through user licensing for the agency. The Sheriff believes the interface would save a number of hours of time deputies spend

manually inputting camera data, allowing them to return to patrol to be available to respond to emergencies.

The Sheriff is requesting to amend the original joinder contract to add 30 additional body cameras and 20 additional “basic” licenses in the amount of \$18,532.50 for FY18. In addition, the Sheriff is requesting to amend the original joinder contract to add CAD user licensing for the Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$23,634 for FY18.

The estimated expenditures would increase the 5-year contract term (April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023) from \$730,579.25 to \$984,929.75.

FISCAL IMPACT

This amendment shall be for additional body worn cameras, user licenses, and computer aided dispatch user licensing in the amount of \$254,350.50 per the contract term of April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023. The amended fiscal year costs for the contract term are as follows:

	Original Contract	Amended Contract	Difference
FY 18	49,999.25	92,165.75	*42,166.50
FY 19	170,145.00	223,191.00	53,046.00
FY 20	170,145.00	223,191.00	53,046.00
FY 21	170,145.00	223,191.00	53,046.00
FY 22	170,145.00	223,191.00	53,046.00
	730,579.25	984,929.75	254,350.50
* \$18,532.50 for 30 additional body cameras and 20 licenses plus \$23,634 for CAD user licenses are reflected in year 1 of quote, but will be purchased and reimbursed in FY19.			

Under SB 176, these additional expenses are reimbursable, and the intent is to seek reimbursement for these additional expenses through the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners authorize to amend a Joinder Contract to purchase additional Body Worn Cameras (BWC), investigative licenses, and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) licenses to streamline data entry. Estimated expenditures are an additional [\$254,350.50] for the contract term. If approved, authorize Purchasing and Contractors Manager to execute all relevant contract documents and agreements.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to authorize to amend a Joinder Contract to purchase additional Body Worn Cameras

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