



# WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service

[www.washoecounty.us](http://www.washoecounty.us)

## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *September 10, 2019*

**DATE:** August 20, 2019  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Jamie Rodriguez, Government Affairs Manager  
(775) 328-2010 [JARodriguez@washoecounty.us](mailto:JARodriguez@washoecounty.us)

**THROUGH:** David Solaro, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a request and initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code (Chapter 65) to include the Washoe County School District and the Washoe County Department of Alternative Sentencing as eligible agencies for funding related to portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices in accordance with Senate Bill 89 from the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session; to clarify the powers and duties of the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee; and to amend provisions relating to the advisory committee membership, the terms of appointment and the quorum provisions; and direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney's Office for preparation of a proposed ordinance pursuant to Washoe County Code section 2.030 and 2.040. (All Commission Districts.)

---

### **SUMMARY**

The 80<sup>th</sup> Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 89 (SB 89), which requires uniformed peace officers employed by a school district and who routinely interact with the public to wear a portable event recording device, i.e., body camera. SB 89 expands the permissible use of E911 telephone line surcharge funds to be used for the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices for use by a county school district that employs school police officers, as well as a department of Alternative sentencing.

It is recommended that the board implement this expansion of the E911 surcharge to purchase and maintain portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices, as needed, for use by the Washoe County School District Police Department and Washoe County Department of Alternative Sentencing.

It is further recommended that the board authorize the proposed amendments to Washoe County Code Chapter 65 to include provisions which:

- Clarify that the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee shall provide an annual report to the board for the purpose of reviewing and, if necessary, updating the 5-Year Master Plan.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

- Add a non-voting member to the Advisory Committee membership appointed by the Washoe County School District.
- Specify the term of the non-voting member's appointment; and
- Specify the effects on quorum due to the non-voting member's appointment.

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On October 10, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners approved the changes to Washoe County Code Chapter 65 to reflect the membership changes and expand the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Board to consider the costs associated with the body worn recording device.

### **BACKGROUND**

The 80<sup>th</sup> Nevada Legislature passed SB 89, which:

1. Requires that law enforcement officers employed by a school district wear a portable event recording device while interacting with the public.
2. Allows for the school district to seek funding to support this requirement through the E911 surcharge.
3. Allows for a county's department of alternative sentencing to seek reimbursement from the E911 surcharge for its purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a request to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code (Chapter 65) to include the Washoe County School District and the Washoe County Department of Alternative Sentencing as eligible agencies for funding related to portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices in accordance with Senate Bill 89 from the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session; to clarify the powers and duties of the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee; and to amend provisions relating to the advisory committee membership, the terms of appointment

and the quorum provisions; and direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney's Office for preparation of a proposed ordinance pursuant to Washoe County Code section 2.030 and 2.040. (All Commission Districts.)

**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 approval of a request to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code (Chapter 65) to include the Washoe County School District and the Washoe County Department of Alternative Sentencing as eligible agencies for funding related to portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices in accordance with Senate Bill 89 from the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session; to clarify the powers and duties of the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee; and to amend provisions relating to the advisory committee membership, the terms of appointment and the quorum provisions; and direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney's Office for preparation of a proposed ordinance pursuant to Washoe County Code section 2.030 and 2.040. (All Commission Districts.)*