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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** *September 24, 2019*

**DATE:** September 4, 2019  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
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**THROUGH:** David Solaro, Interim County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 65 of the Washoe County Code by expanding the permissible use of the 911 telephone line surcharge to include the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices for use by law enforcement agencies, including the Washoe County School District Police, as well as the Washoe County Department Of Alternative Sentencing, in accordance with the 2019 Nevada Legislature's enactment of Senate Bill ("SB") 89; by clarifying the powers and duties of The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee; and by amending the advisory committee membership, terms of appointment and quorum provisions; and other matters properly relating thereto. (All Commission Districts.)

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### 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**

There is no direct fiscal impact for the ordinance amendment. There will be an indirect fiscal impact for the reimbursement requests from the Washoe County School District and the Washoe County Department of Alternative Sentencing for the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices from the Enhanced 911 Special Revenue Fund (208).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners introduce and conduct a first reading of an ordinance an ordinance amending Chapter 65 of the Washoe County Code by expanding the permissible use of the 911 telephone line surcharge to include the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices for use by law enforcement agencies, including the Washoe County School District Police, as well as the Washoe County Department Of Alternative Sentencing, in accordance with the 2019 Nevada Legislature's enactment of Senate Bill ("SB") 89; by clarifying the powers and duties of The 911 Emergency Response

Advisory Committee; and by amending the advisory committee membership, terms of appointment and quorum provisions; and other matters properly relating thereto.

**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 expanding the permissible use of the 911 telephone line surcharge to include the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices for use by law enforcement agencies, including the Washoe County School District Police, as well as the Washoe County Department Of Alternative Sentencing, in accordance with the 2019 Nevada Legislature's enactment of Senate Bill ("SB") 89; by clarifying the powers and duties of The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee; and by amending the advisory committee membership, terms of appointment and quorum provisions; and other matters properly relating thereto.*