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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 19, 2019

DATE: Thursday, October 17, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to increase fiscal year costs associated with the Joinder Agreement between Washoe County, Nevada and Axon Enterprise, Inc. to purchase additional Body Worn Cameras (BWC), investigative licenses, and technological services. Estimated additional expenditures are [\$1,261,755.00] per the contract term, not to exceed [\$1,387,930.50]. If approved, authorize Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute all relevant contractual 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 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 personnel assigned to the Detention Division and the Administrative Division to assist in the successful prosecution of 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 July 24, 2018, the BCC authorized item # 22, the amendment of the Joinder Contract to purchase additional Body Worn Cameras (BWC), investigative licenses, and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) licenses to streamline data entry. The additional expenditures approved were [\$254,350.50] for the contract term, which amended the prior contract to [\$984,929.75]. The additional costs for the contract term increased the fiscal year costs

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to a total of: FY18- \$92,165.75, FY19- \$223,191.00, FY20- \$223,191.00, FY21- \$223,191.00, and FY 22- \$223.191.00.

On March 13, 2018, the BCC authorized item #12, a Joinder Contract to purchase Body Worn cameras (“BWC”) and related supplies for the WCSO Operations Division through the State of Nevada “3273 – Contract for Services of Independent Contractor” awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. (formerly Taser International), 17800 N. 85th Street Scottsdale, AZ, 85255. Expenditures were [\$730,579.25] per the contract term of April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023. The fiscal year costs for the contract term were: FY18- \$49,999.25, FY19- \$170,145.00, FY20- \$170,145.00, FY21- \$170,145.00 and FY22- \$170,145.00.

On February 20, 2018, the BCC adopted item #9, 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.

On January 16, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”) adopted item #11, the policy for the Use of 911 Surcharge Funds for the Body Camera Mandate set forth in Nevada Senate Bill 176 (2017).

APPLICABLE NRS:

NRS 244A.7643(2) A board of county commissioners may not impose a surcharge pursuant to this section unless the board first adopts a 5-year master plan for the enhancement of the telephone system for reporting emergencies in the county or for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices, as applicable. The master plan must include an estimate of the cost of the enhancement of the telephone system or of the cost of purchasing and maintaining portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices, as applicable, and all proposed sources of money for funding those costs. For the duration of the imposition of the surcharge, the board shall, at least annually, review and, if necessary, update the master plan.

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. After passage of SB 176, the Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, and the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office discussed a mutually agreed upon vendor to provide body worn cameras. This ensures 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 began using body worn cameras on 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 personnel assigned to the Detention Division and the Administrative Division to assist in the

successful prosecution of crimes. The Sheriff's Office intermittently deploys a number of detention and administrative staff deputies to special events, natural disasters, and other needs of the community where contact with the public may be necessary. Additionally, the Sheriff recognized the need for additional "basic" licenses for support personnel, commissioned staff members assigned to the Detention and Administrative Divisions, as well as supervisory staff. These licenses/software are necessary for case-preparation, to assist in prosecution, and to ensure commissioned staff members' compliance with policy and applicable laws governing the activation of body worn cameras.

The Sheriff is requesting to increase the fiscal year costs associated with the Joinder Agreement between Washoe County, Nevada and Axon Enterprise, Inc. to add 300 additional body worn cameras and "basic" licenses / software, as well as routing and labor provided by Washoe County Technological Services.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office now seeks to expand the BWC program to include commissioned members assigned to the Detention Division and Administrative Division. Expenditures are an additional [\$1,540,427.34] per the contract term of April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023. The fiscal year additional costs for the contract term are: FY19- \$300,310.04, FY20- \$390,039.10, FY21- \$390,039.10 and FY22- \$390,039.10. Additionally, Technology Services will require approximately \$70,000.00 for system upgrades and installation (included in the total). Thus, the additional costs for the contract term will increase the fiscal year costs to a total of: FY19- \$523,501.04, FY20- \$613,230.10, FY21- \$613,230.10, and FY22- \$613,230.10.

The estimated expenditures would increase the 5-year contract term (April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023) from [\$984,929.75] to [\$2,246,684.75] with not to exceed total costs of [\$2,372,860.25].

FISCAL IMPACT

This amendment shall be for an additional 300 body worn cameras, user licenses, technological services, and computer aided dispatch user licensing in the amount of [\$1,261,755.00] with a not to exceed contract price to include a 10% contingency of [\$1,387,930.50] per the contract term of April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023.

	July 24, 2018, Amended Contract	Nov 12, 2019 Amended Contract	10% Contingency	Total Contract Not to Exceed
FY 19	92,165.75			
FY 20	223,191.00	182,736.00	18,273.60	201,009.60
FY 21	223,191.00	359,673.00	35,967.30	395,640.30
FY 22	223,191.00	359,673.00	35,967.30	395,640.30
FY 23	223,191.00	359,673.00	35,967.30	395,640.30
	984,929.75	1,261,755.00		1,387,930.50

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. An internal order, 60594-WCSO E911 Billable, has been established in order to track the expenditures and reimbursements of this project over the 5 year contract term.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners increase fiscal year costs associated with the Joinder Agreement between Washoe County, Nevada and Axon Enterprise, Inc. to purchase additional Body Worn Cameras (BWC), investigative licenses, and technological services. Estimated additional expenditures are [\$1,261,755.00] per the contract term, not to exceed [\$1,387,930.50]. If approved, authorize Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute all relevant contractual documents and agreements.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to increase fiscal year costs associated with the Joinder Agreement between Washoe County, Nevada and Axon Enterprise, Inc. to purchase additional Body Worn Cameras (BWC), investigative licenses, and technological services. Estimated additional expenditures are [\$1,261,755.00] per the contract term, not to exceed [\$1,387,930.50]. If approved, authorize Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute all relevant contractual documents and agreements."