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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** June 8, 2021

**DATE:** Thursday, June 03, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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On behalf of the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee

**THROUGH:** Behzad Zamanian, Chief Information Officer

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, Washoe County School District, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee on May 20, 2021, in an amount not to exceed [\$846,082.08] as specified within the adopted Enhanced 911 Fund's operating budget. (All Commission Districts)

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### **SUMMARY**

The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee was created with the intent to develop a plan for the enhancement of the County's 911 emergency response system and make recommendations to the County Commission concerning the expenditures of the money collected through the telephone line surcharge provided for by the Nevada State Legislature.

The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee has recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the reimbursement of associated and allowable costs related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System; contractual costs for body worn and vehicular recording devices; travel and training for 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) staff; and other miscellaneous hardware and software technology purchases related to regional PSAP operations. The specific requests are summarized in Table 1. Agency reimbursements are not disbursed unless the requesting agency provides proper documentation (receipts, paid invoices, etc.).

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

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

**Table 1**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Reimbursement amount (Not to Exceed)</b>	<b>Application</b> (911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee Action Date/Agenda Item #)	<b>Cost Center</b>
<b>Washoe County</b>	\$9,198.14	Backup Servers for logging recorder (05/20/21, #6d)	800801
	\$4,200	Dispatch equipment (5/20/21, #6e)	800801
	\$81,000	Fiber Internet for Camera upload (5/20/21, #12)	800802
	\$68,001	911 Five-Year Master Plan (5/20/21, #18)	800801
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$162,399.14</b>		
<b>City of Sparks</b>	\$553.74	Dispatch Equipment (5/20/21, #6c)	800801
	\$171,495.25	Dispatch Workstations (05/20/21, #14)	800801
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$172,048.99</b>		
<b>Washoe County School District</b>	\$33,411	Axon Bodycam contract (5/20/21, #8)	800802
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,411.00</b>		
<b>City of Reno</b>	\$428,776.40	Axon Bodycam Contract (5/20/21, #9)	800802
	\$2,446.55	Dispatch equipment (5/20/21, #6a)	800801
	\$32,000	First Due Software (5/20/21, #15)	800801
	\$15,000	ProQA EFD (5/20/21, #19)	800801
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$478,222.95</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$846,082.08</b>		

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On May 25, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, departments of Washoe County, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee on March 18, 2021, in an amount not to exceed [\$321,759.90].

On February 23, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, departments of Washoe County, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, as recommended by the 911

Emergency Response Advisory Committee on January 21, 2021, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,010,891.90].

On December 8, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, in an amount not to exceed [\$199,887.30].

On November 10, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, in an amount not to exceed [\$951,354.58].

On June 16, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, and recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,784,260.10].

On February 25, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno [\$1,255.95], the City of Sparks [\$254,876.00], Washoe County School District [\$54,984.00], and departments of Washoe County [\$72,154.22] for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable and vehicular event recording devices, and recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, for a total amount not to exceed [\$383,270.17].

On November 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, in an amount not to exceed [\$719,183].

On June 25, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno [\$428,776.40], the City of Sparks [\$203,243.32], and departments of Washoe County [\$521,357.30] for expenses related to and in support of the respective Portable Event Recording Device programs as approved by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee on May 16, 2019.

On March 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved the utilization of funds from the Emergency 911 fund to reimburse the City of Reno [\$125,475] for expenses related to implementation of Emergency Fire Dispatch services; reimburse the City of Sparks [\$178,134.30] for expenses related to implementation of body-worn and in-vehicle camera technologies; and to purchase three (3) Harris Symphony Dispatch Consoles [\$139,443.65] for the Washoe County Regional Communications Center.

On October 9, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the travel and training budget request for training and travel, subject to E911 approval, for each of the three (3) primary Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to attend Public Safety Training Courses in an amount not to exceed [\$55,000] for travel and not to exceed [\$45,000] for seminars and training for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

On October 9, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved utilization of funds from the Emergency 911 fund for reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, City of Sparks and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and approved by the E911 Committee in an amount not to exceed [\$2,945,612] for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as specified within the adopted E911 Fund's operating budget.

The Board has approved the use of the Enhanced 911 Fund for various reimbursements of travel and training related to public safety training, subject to approval by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, consistently since 2010.

### **BACKGROUND**

NRS 244A.7645 authorizes the utilization of 911 surcharge funds to enhance the telephone system for reporting an emergency and for purchasing and maintaining portable event recording devices.

NRS 244A.7645(3)(a)(2) provides, in part, that E911 funds "must be used only... [to pay] costs for personnel and training associated with the routine maintenance and updating of the database for the system." In the past, the Washoe County District Attorney's staff has advised the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee that it must articulate a nexus between proposed training and the stated purpose of the statute (supporting software database maintenance and call taking), in which case, the expenditure of surcharge funds for such training would be permissible. Here, the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee has determined that such a nexus exists and recommends approval of the training. Travel may be included as "costs" of training.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Enhanced 911 Fund (208) has sufficient budget authority in the adopted FY21 budget for the agency reimbursement requests in the Enhanced 911 Admin Cost Center (800801), Payments to Other Agencies (710400); and, the E911 Public Safety Cameras Cost Center (800802), Payments to Other Agencies (710400):

**Table 2 - FY21 Reimbursements**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Cost Center</b>	<b>FY21</b>
City of Reno	800802	\$428,776.40
	800801	\$49,446.55
City of Sparks	800801	\$172,048.99
Washoe County	800801	\$81,399.14
	800802	\$81,000.00
Washoe County School District	800802	\$33,411.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 846,082.08</b>

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, Washoe County School District, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee on May 20, 2021, in an amount not to exceed [\$846,082.08] as specified within the adopted Enhanced 911 Fund's operating budget.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, Washoe County School District, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee on May 20, 2021, in an amount not to exceed [\$846,082.08] as specified within the adopted Enhanced 911 Fund's operating budget."