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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** July 20, 2021

**DATE:** Thursday, July 15, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Sheriff Darin Balaam

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a month-to-month Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for dispatch services in an [amount not to exceed \$75,000.00] per month, starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (All Commission Districts)

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### **SUMMARY**

This staff report asks that the Board approve a month-to-month Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 per month, starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Fiscal Sustainability and Unified Team/Employee Engagement

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

May 28, 2019 – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners & Washoe County Commissioners approved the two-year Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County for and on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$875,000 annually for fiscal year 20/21 and FY 21/22.

April 19, 2016 & June 28, 2016 - Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners & Washoe County Commissioners approved the two-year Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County for and on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$675,000 for fiscal year 16/17 and \$825,000 for fiscal year 17/18.

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

March 25, 2014 – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners and Washoe County Board of Commissioners approved a similar Interlocal Agreement for Dispatch Services for FY's 14/15-15/16.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has been providing dispatch services for Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District since July 1, 2012. Both the Board of County Commissioners and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection Board have approved previous Interlocal Agreements to provide dispatch services.

In August of 2019 NLTFPD, TMFPD and WCSO have discussions on creating a regional dispatch governance board. Contract rates and structure of the governance board are loosely agreed upon.

January 23, 2020 WCSO sent a letter to NLTFPD and TMFPD advising as early as July 1, 2020, WCSO will be adjusting the overall financial contributions the two agencies contribute each year for dispatch services to collect actual costs for services rendered.

July 1, 2020 NLTFPD leaves WCSO Communication Center and moves dispatch services to Grass Valley, California.

March 23, 2021 WCSO sent a letter to TMFPD advising their financial contribution will be adjusted to reflect actual costs for services rendered and that the current contract will be terminated July 31, 2021.

April 6, 2021 TMFPD Board gives direction to Chief Moore to explore other dispatch alternatives.

April 27, 2021 Chief Moore with TMFPD advised WCSO Sheriff Balaam, TMFPD would like to arrange a new agreement for a period of 6 months or possibly a month-to-month contract.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost of the Dispatch Agreement has been included in the TMFPD budget. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office will receive \$75,000.00 per month starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, unless the agreement is terminated prior to the contract end date. Reimbursement received will be deposited to account 150820-460162 (Communications – Services to Other Agencies). TMFPD will be billed separately for July 2021.

Currently TMFPD contributes \$875,000.00 annually, should the agreement be terminated prior to the end of the term outlined, it could result in a loss of revenue to Washoe County.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a month-to-month Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for dispatch services in an [amount not to exceed \$75,000.00] per month, starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve a month-to-month Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for dispatch services in an [amount not to exceed \$75,000.00] per month, starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022."