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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: AUGUST 25, 2026

DATE: Thursday, August 20, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve amendment #5 to contract with Allied Universal Security Services for armed and unarmed professional security services, retroactive, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Expected expenditures are anticipated as [\$5,474,639]. If approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve amendment to contract with Allied Universal Security Services for armed and unarmed professional security services, retroactive, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Estimated expenditures are anticipated as [\$5,474,639]. If approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability and Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 28, 2022, agenda item 19, the Board approved a contract for armed and unarmed professional security services, awarded to Allied Universal Security Services at 4000 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 210 Las Vegas, NV, 89119. The contract period was valid from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The budget for this period was [\$4,292,293].

On July 18, 2023, agenda item 11, the Board approved a contract with Allied Universal Security Services. The contract period was valid from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The budget for this period was [\$4,655,449].

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On September 10, 2024, agenda item 11, the Board approved a contract with Allied Universal Security Services. The contract period was valid from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The budget for this period was [\$4,997,207]

On July 7, 2025, agenda item 9, the Board approved a contract with Allied Universal Security Services. The contract period was valid from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The budget for this period was [\$5,375,445].

BACKGROUND

Since July 2018, Allied Universal Security has provided armed and unarmed security services for Washoe County. These services included court security personnel in Reno, Sparks, and at Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center. Human Services Agency locations in Downtown Reno, Reno Senior Center, and the Family Engagement Center also use security personnel as well as the downtown Reno library and County Administrative Complex.

Since that time, security services have expanded to add Our Place Campus, Nevada Cares Campus, Safe Camp, Women's Crossroads, Sober24, Incline Village Justice Court, Family Peace Center, nighttime & weekend patrol, public meetings and special events at County facilities. Allied Universal also provided specialized coverage of numerous County locations during COVID-19 response, such as entry screening and vaccination clinics.

Through 2022, these services were provided under a joinder to the State of Nevada contract for security services.

On April 11, 2022, the Washoe County Purchasing Division released RFP #3188-22 Security Guard Services. Four (4) respondent proposals were received. Allied Universal Security Services, American Guard Services, Inc., Securitas, and Strategic Security Corp. The proposals were opened in the offices of the Washoe County Comptroller on May 16, 2022, and subsequently evaluated by a panel of subject matter experts. Upon completion of the evaluation, one (1) respondent proposal was found to be the lowest cost responsive, responsible bidder:

ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES
1551 N. TUSTIN AVE., STE. 650
SANTA ANA, CA 92705

Effective January 1, 2026, due to the dissolving of the Department of Alternative Sentencing, security services are no longer needed for the Sober24 building at 1530 E 6th St, Reno. This amendment reflects this reduction in coverage.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board approve this contract, sufficient FY27 budget authority exists in the following:

Cost Center/IO	G/L Account & Description	Amount
<i>General Fund</i>		
F100 – 101111 - Countywide Security	710204 – Security Contracts	\$2,183,400.70
F100 – 112210 - Elections Administration	710204 – Security Contracts	\$31,200.93

<i>Subtotal General Fund</i>		\$2,214,601.63
<i>Other Funds</i>		
223410 – Cares	710204 – Security Contracts	\$1,451,589.99
223230 – Our Place	710204 – Security Contracts	\$614,366.30
223240 – Women’s Crossroads	710204 – Security Contracts	\$280,001.04
223440 – Resource Center	710204 – Security Contracts	\$192,074.40
223460 – Resource Center Overflow	710204 – Security Contracts	\$140,190.48
223420 – Safe Camp	710204 – Security Contracts	\$279,431.16
250110 – Reno Admin Local	710204 – Security Contracts	\$75,214.00
F228 - 280680 – CPS Family Engagement Center	710204 – Security Contracts	\$78,516.80
F228 - 280715 – CPS Child Services Admin	710204 – Security Contracts	\$136,380.16
<i>Subtotal Other Funds</i>		\$3,247,764.27
Total Washoe County		\$5,462,365.96
Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue*		\$4,949.28
<i>Subtotal TMF&R</i>		\$4,949.28
Northern Nevada Public Health^		\$7,323.78
<i>Subtotal NNPH</i>		\$7,323.78
Total Washoe County, TMF&R & NNPH		\$5,474,639.02

*TMF&R will pay for Board of Fire Commissioners meetings

^NNPH will pay for District Board of Health meetings and clinic events

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve contract Amendment #5 for armed and unarmed professional security services with Allied Universal Security Services, retroactive, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Estimated total expenditures are anticipated as [\$5,474,639]. If approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “*Move to approve contract Amendment #5 for armed and unarmed professional security services with Allied Universal Security Services, retroactive, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Estimated expenditures are anticipated as [\$5,474,639]. If approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement.*”