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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

DATE: April 10, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Behzad Zamanian, Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the appointment of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Fire Chief Richard Edwards to fill an unexpired term on the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee following the retirement of Chris Ketring from the Committee, with a term expiring June 30, 2027. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

Washoe County appoints three members to the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee (“911 Board”). One member must be appointed by the Washoe County Sheriff, and the other two members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Individuals appointed to the 911 Board must be residents of Washoe County, must possess specialized knowledge concerning telephone systems for reporting emergencies, and may not be elected public officers.

The County Manager recommends that the Board appoint Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Fire Chief Richard Edwards to replace Chris Ketring following his resignation from the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee. Mr. Ketring was re-appointed to the 911 Board on August 7, 2023, and Chief Edwards will serve the remainder of Mr. Ketring’s term on the 911 Board ending on June 30, 2027.

Pursuant to the 911 Board’s Bylaws, a member who elects to resign their position prior to the end of their term of service must provide written notification to the Chair and applicable Washoe County staff. The local jurisdiction who appointed the resigning member must appoint another member to fill the vacancy and complete the term of service and must provide written notification of the appointment to Washoe County staff prior to the member’s first committee meeting. The local jurisdiction must ensure that the appointed member meets the qualifications set forth in NRS Chapter 244A and Washoe County Code 65.430.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 22, 2023 the Board approved the appointment of Washoe County Government Affairs Liaison, Cadence Matijevich, to fill an unexpired term on the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee following the resignation of Jamie Rodriguez from the Committee, with a term ending June 30, 2025; and approved the reappointment of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Division Chief Chris Ketring to a four-year term on the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee expiring June 30, 2027.

On May 24, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved the appointment of Division Chief Chris Ketring to fill an unexpired term left by Deputy Fire Chief Alex Kukulus for the Washoe County At-Large position to expire on June 30, 2023, for the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.

On June 22, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved the reappointment of Jamie Rodriguez to the Emergency 911 Advisory Committee for a four-year term from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025, and to accept the appointment of Jennifer Felter from the Washoe County Sheriff for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND

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.

NRS 244A.7645 sets forth the eligibility criteria for the members serving on an advisory committee that is required in any county which has imposed a surcharge for the enhancement of a telephone system used for reporting an emergency in the county and for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices. Washoe County Code 65.410 establishes the Washoe County 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee and sets forth the composition of the committee. Washoe County has a total of three representatives on the committee; members representing Washoe County include two members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and one member designated by the Washoe County Sheriff. Washoe County's appointees serve four-year terms with the terms of two members being staggered from that of the third.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with Washoe County's making appointments to the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Fire Chief Richard Edwards to fill an unexpired term on the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee following the retirement of Chris Ketring from the Committee, with a term expiring June 30, 2027.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve the appointment of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Fire Chief Richard Edwards to fill an unexpired term on the 911 Emergency Response Advisory

Committee following the retirement of Chris Ketring from the Committee, with a term expiring June 30, 2027.”