



AGENDA

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Category: Action – County Administrative Office

Agenda Title: **AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM**

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SUMMARY:

Over the past several months, the Board of County Commissioners has engaged in discussions with various community members and sponsored culturally specific community listening sessions in response to the proposed policy decision on funding the Sheriff’s Office body worn camera program. The timeline of events over the last several months are as follows:

- May 12: ESPD Budget presentation; Sheriff Pat Garrett notes for the Board that the Body Worn Camera Program is a priority for the Sheriff’s Office, despite lack of funding in proposed budget
- May 25: Death of George Floyd
- June 2: Board Statement on death of Mr. Floyd
- June 9: Chair’s proposal to fully fund body worn cameras for Sheriff’s Patrol Deputies.
- June 11-17: Chair meets with community organizations and constituents
- June 12: First “Protest Response Meeting” (this later becomes Reimagine Oregon)
- June 16:
 - Board appropriates, but does not authorize, funds for Body Worn Cameras
 - Chair receives “Community Reinvestment Proposal” from community organizations
 - First mention of shifting planned Town Halls to Community Listening Session
- June 24: Washington County announces Listening Sessions
- July 10 – Aug 10: RFP & Hire Facilitator team
- August 17: Community Listening Session #1, General Public
- August 20: Community Listening Session #2, Latinx
- August 24: Community Listening Session #3, LGBTQ
- August 27: Community Listening Session #4, BIPOC
- August 29: Community Listening Session #5, General Public
- August 31: Community Listening Session #6, People with Disabilities
- September 22: Report to Board of Commissioners regarding Listening Sessions and to provide information requested by the Board
- December 8: Work session – Sheriff Pat Garrett provided a presentation on body worn cameras highlighting areas of community concern and overview of the program. Information was provided on mental health programs and funding options.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to proceed with expenditure for the 5-year contract for the Sheriff’s Office Body Worn Camera Program.

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Date:	12/15/20

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Community Feedback (Known Support/Opposition): In the Budget cycle, the Board approved \$275,000 from the General Fund pending consideration of community feedback. Community listening sessions were conducted in August 2020 with the Board receiving feedback both in opposition and in favor of body worn cameras as well as community views on other needs. Additional community feedback was provided in Community Investment listening sessions in November. There are community members in favor of deployment and community members who would like to see funds applied in other areas.

Legal History/Prior Board Action: On June 16, 2020 The Board modified the staff recommendation on item *6.b Approval of Addition of the Body Worn Cameras Program in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget* as follows: to appropriate the funds and require future authorization by the Board to allow expenditure of the funds, with consideration no later than the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year to ensure sufficient time to touch base with local community partners that serve our historically disadvantaged communities. Given the needed timeline for continued community conversations and discussion, the additional work session occurred on December 8, 2020.

Budget Impacts: The body worn camera program can be fully implemented for a total cost of \$1,397,770 and can be paid over five equal annual payments of \$279,554, which is reflected as a slight increase to the previously reported quote from the vendor. (\$1,372,230 with five equal annual payments of \$274,446. This increase reflects the removal of some discounts upon not entering the contract earlier in the year). Approval of this expenditure would deploy 210 cameras/equipment to patrol & civil deputies and patrol corporals. On June 16, 2020, your Board appropriated this funding as an adjustment to the approved fiscal year 2020-21 budget before adoption, but later set a timeline of September 30, 2020 to authorize the expenditures pending the outcome of these discussions. At that time, it was determined these funds would be allocated from the budgeted General Fund Contingency. On September 29, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners extended the timeline to discuss again before the end of the calendar year.

On December 8, 2020 The Board of County Commissioners held a work session on the Body Worn Camera Program where Sheriff Garrett made a presentation highlighting areas of community concern and overview of the program. Information was provided on county-wide behavioral health programs and funding options for body worn cameras. With regard to the funding options, as reported at the work session, additional analysis of the budget has been completed and for the current fiscal year, if authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, the previously allocated \$275,000 from the General Fund would be expended as part of the year 1 payment, but an additional \$130,000 in District Patrol funds and \$120,000 in Local Option Levy would also be applied. This would decrease the amounts due in contract years 2 through 5 and would be broken down accordingly; \$60,000 General Fund, \$33,000 Local Option Levy and \$113,000 District Patrol.