

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 5

**SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - REQUEST TO WAIVE BOARD POLICY A-87
AND ENTER A CONTRACT WITH AXON FOR BODY-WORN CAMERA
SYSTEM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On March 3, 2015 (2), the Board authorized the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Request for Proposals for a body-worn camera system. After an extensive evaluation process, a contract was awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. ("Axon") for body-worn cameras and related accessories, software, and services.

Body-worn cameras represent a technological advance in policing and can help provide the high-quality public service expected of the Sheriff's Department and promote the sense of procedural justice that communities expect from their law enforcement agencies.

The current contract with Axon for body-worn cameras expires on July 31, 2022, and the Sheriff is seeking to enter a new agreement with Axon. Currently, a majority of the body-worn cameras are deployed with the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Services Bureau's deputies and a limited number of cameras (about 80) have been deployed with the Sheriff's Detention Services Bureau's deputies as part of a pilot program. This new contract will continue use of Axon body-worn cameras by Law Enforcement Services and additionally expand the deployment completely to all detentions deputies. This will bring the same transparency to the detentions environment as it does to the law enforcement environment.

This request is to waive Board Policy A-87 and authorize a new five-year contract, and six one-month options, with Axon for the body-worn camera system.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
SHERIFF**

1. Waive Board Policy A-87, which requires competitive procurement of goods and services.
2. In accordance with Section 401, et. seq., of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, to award a contract for body-worn camera systems to Axon for up to five years and six one-month option periods, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to requirements, services and/or funding, subject to approval of the Sheriff.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The authorization of a new Axon contract, including deployment of body-worn cameras in the detention facilities, will assist with the department's ability to provide accountability and transparency in its operations. Infrastructure and resources needed to deliver and support the provision of public safety services to the residents of San Diego County is critical to the Strategic Initiatives of Equity and Justice. Funding of these resources benefits not only county employees because it supports their ability to do

their job in a transparent manner, but also the people served as it provides them with the opportunity to have visibility on the quality of public safety services of the Sheriff's Department. Those incarcerated within our County detention facilities are directly impacted by any policy or program instituted by the department. The Sheriff's Department is conscientious in ensuring that equitable and inclusive policies and programs are in place in the County detention facilities. The department prioritizes the health and safety of those in custody, which requires proactive and consistent evaluation of the inmates and detention facility environment. It will allow the department to ensure that the level of care and attention is provided for the benefit and safety of incarcerated persons as well as detention facility staff and visitors.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan in the Sheriff's Department. If approved, this request will result in estimated current year costs of \$5,000,000. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. Funds for the option years cost will be included in future years operational plans for the Sheriff's Department. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

NA

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter