RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-368

MEETING: June 25, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coronor-Public Administrator

RE: Approve Contract for Services with Axon Enterprise, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purpose of purchase and implementation of Body Worn Cameras; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

The Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office is implementing a body worn camera program for Sheriff Deputies - Patrol and Detectives. Body worn cameras are commonly used in law enforcement to capture policing activity, which memorializes these activities to assist in a variety of platforms.

The body worn camera program implementation includes forty-six (46) Axon body worn cameras, all necessary accessories including docking stations for charging/uploads and a five (5) year maintenance and data storage agreement. The agreement includes ongoing customer support and protected storage of digital evidence for court use. It also allows for two equipment and technology upgrades during the period of the contract without additional cost. The upgrades provide for longevity and continuity of the program at the end of the contract by minimizing up-front costs on the successive agreement(s).

The Sheriff’s Office is utilizing grant opportunities to off-set this expenditure. The initial purchase will be paid for out of the Rural Counties Crime Prevention (RCCP) fund. The ongoing service and maintenance costs will be paid for by Sheriff’s Office identified monies from the CA OES Homeland Security grant.

It is believed that law enforcement body worn cameras will eventually be mandated in the state of CA, however, the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office recognizes the many benefits to this program and believes it is appropriate to introduce this technology now. The use of grants to purchase and support this technology shows the progressiveness of this Office and it's consciousness to help support the County’s funds for other priorities that benefit our many communities.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has continued to support proactive advancements in technology for
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increased public service.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the Board does not support this Agreement, the Sheriff’s Office will not be able to implement the body worn camera system and will continue to rely on audio and digital photographs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is no financial impact to the general fund. The program will be funded by grant opportunities secured by the Sheriff’s Office.

ATTACHMENTS:
Axon Agreement (DOCX)
Axon Hardware 2019 2020 (PDF)
Axon Software 2019 2020 (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey