



**Sheriff's Department  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**AGENDA DATE:** December 15, 2015

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Terrie Saenz, Fiscal Manager    PHONE: 636-4635				

**SUBJECT:** Approve Agreement for the purchase of body worn cameras and related software and services from Taser International, Inc.

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve three agreements with Taser International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,548,721 over a five year period to implement a body worn camera program.
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign four copies of each of the three Agreements.

**SUMMARY:**  
Over the past several years, law enforcement agencies across the country have been deploying body camera systems to increase public trust and add a layer of transparency to their operations. The body worn camera is a wearable recording device which collects audio and video evidence in the field from the vantage point of an officer. The body camera will be a highly useful tool for Sheriff's personnel in the investigation and prosecution of crime. The camera will allow officers to capture digital evidence, record victim/witness statements, document crime scenes, etc.

In June 2015, the Department launched a 60-day field trial with various body cameras vendors. After a thorough evaluation of each product, the AXON Flex body camera was identified as the best option for the Department. AXON Flex is a camera which can be uniquely worn in multiple locations on the officer due to its smaller size. The other vendors offer a simplistic "clip-on" style case which, due to

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its fixed angle, can be inadvertently aimed in the wrong direction or obstructed if worn on the chest, as it is commonly recommended. Also, the lenses of these competitor cameras are not as wide, nor as effective in low light settings. The Taser AXON Flex body camera is the only body worn camera system in use today which can be worn on the head of the officer to give a first person perspective of a video capture. Although not unique to Taser, the AXON Flex body camera is always recording and will save the thirty seconds of video that is captured prior to the officer formally activating the camera.

A significant feature of the Taser International (Taser) body camera system is their proprietary EVIDENCE.com media storage support. Taser offers a military-grade security, cloud based storage system that is accessed by a web based program. This type of support offers the Department a simple and effective management tool to download, securely store, easily categorize, and manage the media. It will allow to effectively distribute evidentiary copies for prosecution purposes. Lastly, it will make the auditing process of media much easier for all authorized users.

Because Taser manages the storage and security of the media, the Department's Information Technology (IT) department will not be required to spend thousands of dollars in additional server storage, maintenance, and ongoing backup/security measures. No other vendor offers this type of support, convenience, or security. Other vendors that were tested require their body camera users to manually connect the device to a computer, which would require the Sheriff's IT Unit to manage the aforementioned issues.

Additionally, the purchase agreement includes replacement of the Department's aging conducted electrical weapons (CEWs) with new units.

The scope of services in Taser's Professional Services Agreement covers system set-up, configuration, and installations costs; implementation support, trouble shooting, and initial training costs; and project management and ongoing technical support services costs. The Sales Agreement formalizes the County's acceptance of Taser's quote and sales terms and conditions.

The Evidence.com Master Service Agreement relates to the storage and security of the media.

The Addendum No. 1 Integration Services Statement of Work Agreement consists of the development of an integration module that allows the EVIDENCE.com services to interact with the Agency's records management system so that Agency's licensees may use the integration module to automatically tag the AXON Flex recorded videos with a case ID, category, and location. The integration module will allow the Integration Module License holders to auto populate the AXON Flex video meta-data saved to the EVIDENCE.com services based on data already maintained in the Agency's RMS.

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A breakdown of the annual costs is below.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COST</b>
Year 1	Body worn cameras and accessories, Evidence.com dock, officer safety plan, including Taser Assurance Plan (TAP), camera bays and hub, Evidence Transfer Manager (ETM) Access, Evidence.com annual payment, license and data storage, holsters, doc hardware	\$520,145
Year 2	Officer Safety Plan	\$256,950
Year 3	Officer Safety Plan	\$256,950
Year 4	Officer Safety Plan	\$256,950
Year 5	Officer Safety Plan	\$256,950
	Shipping and Handling	\$776
	Grand Total	1,548,721

The Officer Safety Plan Includes: Evidence.com Pro License for every user; upgrades and refresh on all AXON Flex cameras and docks at years 2.5 and 5 for the latest technology Taser is providing at that time; extended warranties on AXON flex cameras and docks for the duration of the contract.; unlimited storage for the AXON flex devices and data from the Evidence mobile app; one TASER CEW of your choice with a 4 year extended warranty (5 years total of warranty coverage). (value roughly \$1,400 per CEW; One CEW holster and battery pack of your choice; and 20 GB of included storage for other digital media.

Prior to actual deployment in the field, the Department will introduce a comprehensive policy governing an officer's use of body worn cameras and the retention/disposition of subsequent digital evidence that is collected.

The agreements include the following deviations from County contract protocol: 1) the agreement calls for mutual indemnification; 2) County must provide a 90 day notice if the County is unable to legally pay the fees under the agreement; and 3) the term of the agreements is for five years.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Total cost to implement the body worn camera program over the five year period is \$1,548,721. Funding will come from the Sheriff's FY 15/16 operating budget for year one. Funding for years two through five will come from subsequent operating budgets.

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**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The purchase of the body worn cameras contributes to the County's strategic plan that includes the Safety and Security Initiative and the Organizational Performance Initiative. Body worn cameras increase transparency to both officers and citizens during a law enforcement incident. The body cameras will be a highly useful tool for Sheriff's personnel in the investigation and prosecution of crime. The camera will allow officers to capture digital evidence, record victim/witness statements, document crime scenes, etc.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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Mike Boudreaux  
Sheriff-Coroner

Cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)  
Purchasing Department

Attachment A: Taser International, Inc. Professional Services Agreement

Attachment B: Evidence.com Master Service Agreement

Attachment C: Addendum No. 1 Integration Services Statement of Work Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE** )  
**AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF** ) **Resolution No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BODY WORN CAMERAS AND RELATED** ) **Agreement No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SOFTWARE AND SERVICES FROM** )  
**TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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1. Approved three agreements with Taser International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,548,721 over a five year period to implement a body worn camera program.
2. Authorized the Chairman to sign four copies of each of the three Agreements.