



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

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AGENDA DATE: January 24, 2017

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input 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: Ed Lardner PHONE: (559) 636-4704

SUBJECT: Accept the grant award to fund a Jail Body Worn Camera Project.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and accept a grant award cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$97,432 for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018. This request is retroactive due to receiving notice of the award in October 2016.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of October 1, 2016, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Ratify the Chairman's signature on the agreement.
4. Authorize the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).
5. Approve a sole-source purchase from Taser International Inc. for the purchase of body worn camera equipment and associated operational software.
6. Authorize the purchasing agent to waive the formal bidding process and make the sole-source purchase.

SUMMARY:

On April 19, 2016, your Board approved the grant application to the U.S.

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Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs to implement a body worn camera (BWC) program in the Sheriff's Office Jail System. Sheriff's Office patrol personnel are currently outfitted with Taser International Inc. BWC's. Using the current platform, storage, and related software, the Jail System BWC program will compliment what is already in place. Today, the Sheriff's Office requests your Board accept the grant award to fund the Jail component of the program.

The grant will partially cover the cost of digital storage, mandated national training, purchase of BWC's, associated equipment, and software, being worn by Correctional Deputies in the Tulare County Jail System. Matching funds must be equal to at least 50 percent of the grant amount. The Sheriff's Office will satisfy this match allocation by providing some digital storage, local training of correctional staff, administrative overhead, and related software and licensing.

Law enforcement's use of body cameras in the field is a growing trend in recent years. Use of the equipment in jails is brand new and we are the only Jail awarded a grant. Evidence suggests that in both cases -- in the field and inside jails -- BWC's will lead to less confrontation between law enforcement and suspects / inmates, because both know they are being recorded. This means the equipment improves safety for inmates and deputies alike while potentially reducing the cost of investigations and litigation.

The Jail System BWC program will complement what was already approved by your Board on December 15, 2015, a \$1.5 million, 5-year contract with Taser International Inc. to purchase BWC's and associated infrastructure to implement a BWC program for patrol deputies and other public-contact deputies in the field and securely store video.

The Sheriff's Office is also requesting a sole-source purchase from Taser International Inc. for the Jail System BWC's and associated program needs. In June 2015, the Sheriff's Office launched a 60-day field trial with various BWC vendors. After a thorough evaluation of each product, the AXON Flex BWC manufactured by Taser International Inc. was identified as the best option for the Sheriff's Office. These BWC's are what the Sheriff's Office currently uses for its patrol operations.

By having one standardized BWC platform with patrol and jail personnel rather than two different platforms operating, we will reduce the training, equipment, storage, licensing, software, and operational costs. It is more efficient for our current and future BWC operators and the support staff who ensure the back end of the system operates effectively, understand and are trained to service and operate one system rather than operate separate and different BWC platforms.

Potentially having a second vendor platform would impact other agencies we support and collaborate with using our current BWC platform. These agencies are our District Attorney's Office, Farmersville Police Department, Visalia Police Department, and Porterville Police Department, all who currently receive critical

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data.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) Term is multiple years; 2) The Department of Justice may terminate immediately for non-compliance or for cause; 3) County must allow timely and reasonable access to records pertinent to the award for at least three years after submission of the final expenditure report, and as long as the records are retained thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The two year grant award is \$97,432. The required two year County total match is \$97,432. The grant will cover the purchase of approximately 65 BWC's to be worn by Correctional Deputies in the Jail System. The grant will also partially pay for program associated expenses such as software, equipment, and national training. The grant does not fully cover digital storage taken by BWC's. A portion of this expense will be spent during the 2-year grant term and shall be enough to fully satisfy the matching fund requirement of the grant program. These matching funds will come from the Sheriff's Office operating budget.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The purchase of BWC's contributes to the County's strategic plan that includes the Safety and Security Initiative and the Organizational Performance Initiative. BWC's increase transparency to both officers and citizens during a law enforcement incident. The BWC's will be a highly useful tool for Sheriff's Custody Deputies in the investigation and prosecution of criminal acts that occur while a person is within the system along with promoting a deterrent effect. The camera will allow staff to capture digital evidence, record statements, and document crime scenes.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Mike Boudreaux
Sheriff – Coroner

cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment A: Grant Award Agreement already signed by Chairman Ennis
Attachment B: AUD 308
Attachment C: Identified Deviations, 2 CFR Part 200.333
Attachment D: Identified Deviations, 2 CFR Part 200.336
Attachment E: Identified Deviations, 2 CFR Part 200.339

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZE THE)
GRANT AWARD TO FUND A JAIL BODY) **Resolution No.** _____
WORN CAMERA PROJECT) **Agreement No.** _____
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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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