

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BRIEFING DRAFT

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 21, 2021 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 8

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL IN-VEHICLE CRADLEPOINT ROUTER UNITS (FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE)

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

On September 12, 2019, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for body-worn cameras (298 sets/users), in-vehicle cameras (154 systems), conducted energy weapons (325 units), as well as all associated hardware, equipment and supplies. Among the associated hardware and equipment are in-vehicle Cradlepoints. The Cradlepoint is an in-vehicle device (router) that permits a connection to the Sheriff's Office network, via a cellular link, to provide vehicle location, camera operation and mobile data terminal (MDT) connectivity for report writing, emergency assistance, etc. The connection provided is critical to the safety, functionality and efficiency of all Sheriff's Office vehicles.

With the increased number of School Resource Officer (SRO) positions added last fiscal year (+9) and this fiscal year (+2), additional routers are needed to equip the SRO vehicles. Section 4 of the contract allows for an annual adjustment of number of users, but the Sheriff's Office was unable to accomplish this project during the last fiscal year. As such the number of units hasn't been increased since additional positions have been added.

The attached Resolution approves an amendment to this contract to add eleven (11) Cradlepoint routers, plus five (5) spares. The total one-time cost is \$26,384 for access and related supplies/equipment.

Funds are appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Sheriff's Office budget to cover the cost of this service contract. This equipment cost is included under the School Resource Officer Agreement and Budget, and therefore will therefore be covered by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

ATTACHMENTS: yes no

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
COUNTY MANAGER

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WHEREAS on September 12, 2019, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, approved a contract for the purchase of law enforcement body worn cameras, equipment, licenses, and services for the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, to Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$4,021,495.45;

WHEREAS the number of Sheriff's Office positions has increased to provide for additional school resource officers in the previous and current fiscal years; and

WHEREAS the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office wishes to add 11 in-vehicle Cradlepoint router units plus 5 spares at a total one-time cost of \$26,384 to allow for critical data connection to the local area network;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman or County Manager and Clerk to the Board to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, an amendment to the agreement to add 11 in-vehicle Cradlepoint router units plus 5 spares at a total one-time cost of \$26,384, with Axon Enterprise, Inc., as necessary to continue the services during the term of the agreement, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, where applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this 21st day of January 2021.