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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** November 12, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jesse Wilson

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving an Agreement between Axon Enterprise, Inc. and the County of Nevada for Axon Justice Premier software system licensing, hosting, support and maintenance, in an amount not to exceed \$193,032.00 for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2029, authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract, and amending the District Attorney's fiscal year 2024/25 budget (4/5 affirmative vote required)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Adopt the Resolution approving a five-year \$193,032.00 hosted Software Solution Agreement.

**FUNDING:**  
We are requesting an increase of \$38,606.40 in our budget for the current year's annual fee for Axon Justice Premier. The ongoing maintenance and support of the software solution will be funded by the department's annual operating budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since September 13, 2016, we have been utilizing Axon EPP as a valuable resource for managing evidence from our body-worn cameras, benefiting from its complimentary service. Recently, Axon notified us that they will be discontinuing the free tier of the EPP for affiliated agencies that coordinate data with other paying entities. This change affects our current usage, which has been shared by many smaller District Attorney's offices nationwide.

Continuing with the free version of EPP would limit our access primarily to shared files from other agencies. Moreover, without transitioning to a paid account, we risk losing significant amounts of our stored data. As we evaluated our options, we were faced with the choice of either archiving our data and adopting a more manual approach to managing our digital evidence or opting for one of Axon's comprehensive account plans.

It is worth noting that many other law enforcement agencies are also transitioning to Axon, making it less favorable to seek a new provider at this juncture. Additionally, migrating to another system would require considerable resources, including a data transfer entity and a return to physical media formats such as discs and thumb drives.

After thorough discussions and assessments, we believe that maintaining our partnership with Axon and investing in the Justice Premier account represents the most strategic choice. This decision not only supports our immediate needs but also helps offset costs associated with transcriptions, redactions, and staff time.

Our evaluation involved a thorough review of available software systems that could meet the needs of the District Attorney's office and have demonstrated success in other counties throughout California. Ultimately, we chose Axon due to its strong track record, the comprehensive support it offers, and its alignment with the long-term goals set forth by our Justice Partners in Nevada County and the State of California.

The proposed contract encompasses implementation services, five years of support and maintenance, integration with key partners, and continued support for the District Attorney's office.

It is important to note that we did not include this potential expense in our budget request for the fiscal year 24/25. At the time of the budget submission, we were still in discussions with Axon regarding the transition and implications of their policy changes. In our discussions with the CEO's office, we were advised to not include this expense due to unknowns around timeline and other potential alternatives. We are now committed to ensuring that these considerations are integrated into our financial planning moving forward.

**Item Initiated by:** Jacqi Britton

**Approved by:** Jesse Wilson

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