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PUBLIC DEFENDER

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 28, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Mouzis, Public Defender

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the provision of Axon Justice Premiere Plus Plan software system licensing, hosting, support and maintenance in the amount not to exceed \$140,584.40 for the contract term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution approving renewal of a five-year hosted Software Solution Agreement.

FUNDING: Funding for the first year of the contract in the amount of \$25,956 is included in 2026/27 adopted budget within the Public Defender's Office budget unit. There is no additional impact to the General Fund beyond the approved budget allocation.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of the Public Defender entered into a five-year contract with Axon Enterprises in May 2021 for hosted software services that included limited data storage and basic services for managing digital evidence. Axon Enterprises has upgraded and increased their software services and is now providing unlimited data storage and a more robust platform for redacting sensitive or restricted data from files. Axon's Justice Premiere Plus Plan will allow the County to migrate files away from the already burdened County servers, a project that has been proposed by IGS. This software upgrade also provides a much-needed reduction in staff time involved with redacting sensitive information from files that are shared with clients. Both of these features are vital to implement as soon as possible.

The Public Defender relies on Axon software on a daily basis. The software and services provided are uniquely relied upon by multiple departments within Nevada County, and Axon interfaces seamlessly between those departments. Migrating to another system is not an option, as doing so would require considerable resources, including a data transfer entity and a return to physical media formats such as discs and thumb drives. Axon's strong track record, the

comprehensive support it offers, and its alignment with the long-term goals set forth by Nevada County's justice partners makes it the most strategic and preferred choice as a software provider for these services.

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

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

Approved by: Jennifer Mouzis, Public Defender