



CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 18, 2024

FROM: Kirk Riggs, Acting Town Administrator / Chief of Police

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss and consider approval of a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Body-Worn Cameras in an amount equal to \$17,000.

SUMMARY:

The Bartonville Police Department has been utilizing WatchGuard Body-Worn Cameras since 2018. Over time, we observed a steady decline in their performance and reliability. Specifically, we have encountered issues with limited availability of replacement parts, and battery life that no longer lasts through an entire shift. These shortcomings could create potential safety concerns for our officers and may negatively impact case prosecution if incidents are not fully recorded.

Given the importance of reliable, high-quality video evidence for both officer safety and case integrity, I recommend that we replace our current body-worn cameras with newer, more reliable technology through funding from the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD). By utilizing CCPD funds, we can equip each officer with an updated body-worn camera technology, ensuring consistent performance and greater reliability.

For your review and consideration, we have obtained a quote from Axon, a leading provider in law enforcement technology:

- **Axon Proposal:** \$16,780.36 annually over a five-year period

The Axon system would provide our officers with state-of-the-art technology, enhancing our department's ability to maintain safety standards and ensure accountability.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

BARTONVILLE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT BUDGET

Revenues

Transfer In from Fund Balance	\$ 17,000
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Expenditures

Axon Body Cameras*	\$ 17,000
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* New Account Code created by approval of budget amendment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION OR ACTION:

Move to approve the budget amendment for fiscal year 2024-2025 for Body-Worn Cameras in an amount equal to \$17,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Axon Quote