

# Memorandum



Date: June 23, 2025

To: Buchanan City Commission

From: Harvey Burnett

**Subject: Subscription Service for New Police Department Tasers**

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## **Action Requested**

Approval of a five-year subscription agreement with Axon for the purchase and support of four new Tasers to replace the Buchanan Police Department's current inventory, at a total cost not to exceed \$[insert cost], subject to review and approval of the agreement by the City Attorney.

## **Background & Justification:**

The Buchanan Police Department's existing Tasers are over 10 years old, well beyond the manufacturer's recommended service life. Over time, older Tasers become increasingly unreliable, with worn components, reduced battery performance, and higher failure rates. This raises significant concerns for both officer safety and liability exposure in critical incidents where non-lethal force is needed. Current tasers include improved safety features, data logging, and integration capabilities that are not present in our current models.

Axon is the sole-source provider for this technology, and they have transitioned their sales model away from traditional one-time purchases to a subscription-based service model, similar to shifts seen across public safety and private industry sectors. This structure ensures regular equipment updates, warranty coverage, training resources, and built-in hardware replacement schedules over the term of the agreement.

## **Recommendation**

Given the age of the City's current Taser equipment and the operational and safety risks that come with it, it is recommended that the City Commission authorize the City Manager to execute a five-year subscription agreement with Axon for four replacement Tasers. This will ensure that our officers are equipped with reliable, modern, and supported non-lethal tools in the field. Funding is available in the Police Department's FY 2025-26 budget.