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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
Council President Kyla M. Clark
Laurel City Councilmembers

Via: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator
Nekesa Matlock, Deputy City Administrator

From: Russ Hamill, Chief of Police *REH*

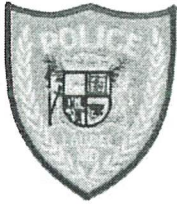
Subject: Approval Request – Taser 10's from Axon

The Laurel Police Department(LPD) respectfully requests approval for the purchase of the new model Taser 10's for use by our officers.

Project Scope:

The Laurel Police Department has been utilizing different variations of the Taser, created by Axon Enterprises Incorporated, for over 15 years. The most recent LPD contract for the Taser 7 model expired in August 2025 and we are transitioning to the most updated model, the Taser 10. This Taser 10 is the latest version of AXON's less lethal weapon platform and is an operational upgrade from our current Taser as it holds ten taser darts that can be deployed separately, greatly reducing the likelihood of our officers having to use lethal force. The taser darts can be accurately deployed at nearly twice the distance as previous Taser models (45 feet) which will allow our officers to deploy the Taser 10 from a much safer distance and position than in the past. This provides officers with more time and space to de-escalate situations before possibly resorting to higher levels of force, including lethal force. Additionally, Taser 7 and other previous models operate at 50,000 volts while the Taser 10 uses only 1,000 volts to achieve similar neuromuscular incapacitation. This reduction in voltage allows for a smaller wire and cartridges which allows for enhanced accuracy and performance.

With this new contract, The Laurel Police Department will also be receiving four Virtual Reality (VR) trainers for the Taser 10. These virtual reality trainers will be



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utilized by our training staff to conduct scenario-based training with the Taser 10. The VR trainers come with built-in scenarios and will significantly reduce the amount of live fire training that officers will need to conduct with their Tasers. The scenarios are recorded, so that when an officer completes the training, an LPD trainer can review each scenario with the officer in order to critique and improve their future performance.

Since the current contract expired in August 2025, this purchase will be made as soon as practical, if approved.

Recommended Purchase:

The Laurel Police Department respectfully recommends approval to purchase the Taser 10 and VR trainers, as noted above, for the members of the Laurel Police Department. This will be a 5-year contract that will expire in 2029. The purchase would be for 78 Taser 10 weapons as well as four VR trainers. The total cost of this agreement will be \$469,638.00, broken down in yearly payments of \$93,927.60.

Funding:

Funding for this project is available via the LPD approved budget and by transferring additional funds approved for other purchases, due to the needs and urgency noted above.

Recommendation:

It is recommended at this time that the Laurel Police Department purchase 78 of the Taser 10 from Axon Enterprise, Inc., 17800 N 85th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona for a price of \$93,927.60 per year as part of a five-year agreement. The grand total of the agreement is \$469,638.00

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Chief Russ Hamill at 301-498- 0092. Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter of mutual importance.

Reviewed:



S. Michele Saylor, Director
Department of Budget and Personnel Services



Date