

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE:	December 5, 2023
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CATEGORY: Consent Calendar {{item.number}}

SUBJECT: Waive competitive procurement requirements in Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*, and Shasta County Code Section 3.04.020 on the basis of limited source procurement and approve the purchase of Axon Taser 7 Conducted Energy Weapons from Axon Enterprise, Inc.

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #: All

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Logan Stonehouse, Captain (530)-245-6123

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY: Michael L. Johnson, Sheriff

<u>Vote Required?</u>	<u>General Fund Impact?</u>
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Simple Majority Vote

No Additional General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

Take the following action: (1) Waive competitive procurement requirements in Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*, and Shasta County Code Section 3.04.020 on the basis of limited source procurement; and (2) approve and authorize the Sheriff's Office to purchase 19 Axon Taser 7 Conducted Energy Weapons for the Sheriff's Custody Division from Axon Enterprise, Inc., in a prepaid amount not to exceed \$82,100 which includes annual supply of cartridges and batteries over a 60-month period and provides for a two-day training course; and (3) approve the 5-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc.

DISCUSSION

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office currently uses tasers that are manufactured by Axon. The taser device is intended to control a violent or potentially violent individual, while minimizing the risk of serious injury. The appropriate use of such a device should result in fewer serious injuries to deputies and suspects.

All current tasers that are used on Patrol or in the Custody Division are several years old. Several of the tasers are broken and are unrepairable due to the age of the device.

The Sheriff's office is in need 19 new Taser 7 Bundles for the Custody Division. These Taser 7 Bundles will be used by Jail Staff and other specialty assignments in the Custody Division. These Taser 7 Bundles include yearly replacements of training and duty cartridges that are included in the contract as well as an evidence portion to document all downloads for deployed tasers.

As part of the purchase taser instruction will be provided to teach up to 10 Sheriff's Office taser instructors. Sheriff's Office taser instructors will then teach the remaining staff and any new staff that come aboard. Waiver of competitive procurement is requested due to the limited source. Research by Sheriff staff found no other vendor offers onsite training for proper use of the devices.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could decline approving the recommendation or request additional information from staff. Should the Board decline the purchase, the Jail will be without reliable Tasers, jeopardizing Deputy safety and limiting Deputy's ability to defend themselves using not lethal methods.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form. Risk Management and Information Technology has approved the

agreement. Support Services-Purchasing supports the waiver of competitive procurement requirements. The Recommendation has been reviewed and approved by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Sheriff's Office Fiscal Year 2023-24 Adopted budget includes appropriations for the purchase and will include a request for appropriations in future year budgets for any additional cartridges and batteries used in excess of contracted amounts. The Sheriff's Office will also include appropriations in its Fiscal Year 2024-25, and future requested budgets, for replacement tasers for Patrol Operations, and to expense the annual prepaid amounts for cartridges, batteries, and maintenance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1: AXON Agreement