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To: HR/IT Committee

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Re: Request to approve agreement for criminal justice digital evidence storage

Per the City of Appleton's Procurement and Contract Management policy (IV.C.3), I am seeking approval for an 18-month agreement for unlimited cloud storage for criminal justice digital evidence storage from Axon Enterprise. Axon is the sole provider of the Appleton Police Department's body-cam hardware and video storage. Partnering with Axon to add third-party digital evidence storage allows the City to eliminate data silos in their evidence management system and store all criminal digital evidence in a single cloud-storage solution.

Currently, digital evidence is spread out between body-cam cloud storage and two onsite City and Police Department servers. The APD's Forensic Evidence Specialists spend a significant amount of time managing evidence storage as we frequently run low (or completely exhaust) digital evidence storage resources.

Also of critical importance is that the Axon Evidence cloud-storage product is entirely compliant with all Criminal Justice Information Security (CJIS) standards enforced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Wisconsin Department of Justice.

The contract length is 18 months and costs \$52,806 (attached). The first installment (\$17,602) will be paid this year, and it will cover a six-month prorated term. The second installment will be paid in June 2023 (\$35,204), and it covers a 12-month term that runs coterminous with the remainder of the Axon Body-Cam agreement. In June of 2024, the two agreements will be merged into a single agreement from that point forward.

The 2022 payment (\$17,602) will come from the 2021 excess fund balance carried over and earmarked for IT in item 22-1100 (attached). The 2023 amount will be paid out of dollars already budgeted for Axon storage (\$90,000). Purchasing in 2022 allows us to avoid the initial doubling of the product's cost in 2023.