

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Sarpy County,        ) Application No. 911-023.01  
Papillion, seeking funding            )  
approval for recurring and non-        ) ORDER GRANTING FUNDING  
recurring costs of Enhanced            )  
Wireless 911 implementation.         ) Entered: November 6, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N     A N D     F I N D I N G S

By written request for funding dated February 15, 2007, Sarpy County, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for equipment necessary for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. On May 23, 2007, the Commission entered an Order granting the funding request in part.

In its Order, the Commission denied costs associated with items including **\$11,457.00 for installation, \$5,586.00 for training and \$1,007.74 for shipping/handling** based upon a comparison of pricing to the vendor's response to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP) and the proposal made to the county. Sarpy County sought funding for nine (9) positions. RFP pricing was offered only for up to four (4) positions. Therefore, the difference between the costs for three (3) positions and four (4) positions was used for comparison purposes. Items priced above the RFP pricing based on that comparison were listed in Appendix A to the May 23, 2007 Order.

Although, Sarpy County did not submit a request for a hearing within the fifteen (15) day time period set out in the May 23, 2007 Order, the Commission granted the County's request for a waiver of the time limit and set a hearing on those portions of the funding request that were denied.

Larry Lavelle, Director of Sarpy County Communications, presented evidence regarding Sarpy County's request for additional funding. He stated that Sarpy County has negotiated with its vendor and is now only seeking **\$13,059.22** of the amount denied by the Commission in its May 23, 2007 Order. Mr. Lavelle stated that some of the differences in training costs were due to the large numbers of dispatchers employed by Sarpy County that will require training on the new equipment. Mr. Lavelle testified that the prices are based upon a detailed site survey conducted after the

May 23, 2007 Order was entered, to more accurately determine installation costs. Mr. Lavelle stated that he understood that the Commission would only pay actual costs up to the approved amount.

The Commission finds that based upon the additional information provided at the hearing, that the additional costs in the amount of **\$13,059.22** should be approved. Sarpy County shall furnish a copy of the final contract with its vendor. Sarpy County may request that payment be made directly to its vendor according to the terms of their contract or may request that it be reimbursed for costs paid upon receipt by the Commission of appropriate documentation of payment.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that Sarpy County's request for additional costs in the amount of **\$13,059.22** consistent with the terms set forth herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director