

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Buffalo ) Application No. 911-023.03  
County, Kearney, seeking )  
funding approval for recurring ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
and non-recurring costs ) REQUEST  
associated with Enhanced )  
Wireless 911 implementation. ) Entered: April 21, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated March 11, 2009, Buffalo County, Kearney, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Buffalo County seeks reimbursement of **\$6,184.89** for one year of maintenance of its Viper Evergreen software and **\$8,600.00** for one year of hardware maintenance from June, 2009 through June, 2010. Buffalo County has provided documentation demonstrating that it has already made payment to the vendor and now seeks reimbursement.

The Advisory Board considered Buffalo County's request at its April 6, 2009 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in full.

The costs are consistent with the prices contained in the vendor's response to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP). None of the amounts sought relate to Buffalo County's backup 911 center.

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This request for funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2008), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications

services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

The Commission finds that maintenance of the equipment and software is essential to ensure the proper operation of the statewide 911 system and should be funded to the extent funds are available during this interim period, subject to change based upon the availability of funds and the permanent funding mechanism.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in the amount of **\$14,784.89**. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendor's response to the RFP.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Buffalo County the amount of **\$14,784.89** consistent with the terms of this order. Approval of any future requests for funding for maintenance are subject to change based upon the availability of funding and the permanent funding mechanism. Buffalo County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Buffalo County the amount of **\$14,784.89** consistent with the terms of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 21st day of April, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director