

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: February 5, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated January 7, 2008, 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 **\$4,947.91** for one year of maintenance of its Viper Evergreen software and **\$8,600.00** for one year of hardware maintenance.

On October 15, 2007, Buffalo County had submitted a funding request for five (5) years of maintenance of its hardware and four (4) years of maintenance of its software. However, the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board recommended that the Commission deny the request pending receipt of additional information. Subsequently, Buffalo County submitted the present request and withdrew the October 15, 2007 request. Buffalo County has provided supporting documentation for the expenses from its vendor. The Advisory Board considered Buffalo County's request at its November 26, 2007 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in the amount of **\$13,547.91**.

The costs are consistent with the prices contained in the vendor's response to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP).

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

This request for funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 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 **\$13,547.91**. 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 or its designee the amount of **\$13,547.91** 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 or its designee the amount of **\$13,547.91** consistent with the terms of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 5th day of February, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director