

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Custer County,) Application No. 911-023.04
Broken Bow, seeking funding)
approval for recurring and non-) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING FOR
recurring costs of Enhanced) MAINTENANCE
Wireless 911 implementation.)
) Entered: April 20, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received March 10, 2010, Custer County, Broken Bow (Custer County), sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Custer County seeks **\$6,900.00** for software maintenance for the period commencing January 25, 2010 through January 24, 2011.

Custer County provided supporting documentation for the expenses. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Custer County's request at its March 15, 2010 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in full.

The costs are consistent with the vendor's response to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP) and other similar requests.

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

This request for additional 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.

Custer County's request includes costs associated with a one (1) year maintenance and service plan for software. 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 **\$6,900.00**, for software maintenance subject to the limitations set forth herein.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Custer County, or its designee, the amount of **\$6,900.00** consistent with the terms of this order. Custer County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

Because the period of maintenance continues beyond the July 2010 implementation of the permanent funding mechanism established in Docket No. 911-019/PI-118, the amount shall be deducted from Custer County's allocation as a pre-existing commitment.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Custer County or its designee the amount of **\$6,900.00** consistent with the terms of this order for software maintenance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that because the period of maintenance continues beyond the July, 2010 implementation of the permanent funding mechanism established in Docket No. 911-019/PI-118, the amount shall be deducted from Custer County's allocation as a pre-existing commitment.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 20th day of April, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director