

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Custer County,) Application No. 911-023.04
Public Safety Answering Point,)
Broken Bow, seeking funding)
approval for recurring and non-) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.)
) Entered: February 26, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received February 1, 2008, Custer County seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing Phase II enhanced wireless 911 service. The local exchange carrier serving Custer County's PSAP is Qwest.

Custer County entered into a service agreement with Qwest for enhanced wireless 911 equipment and services, including costs for the implementation and provision of Phase II service. A copy of the agreement has been provided. In the agreement, Custer County authorized the Commission to remit all payments for Phase II enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest.

Custer County now seeks initial costs and recurring costs to implement and provide Phase II enhanced wireless 911 service as outlined in Appendix A attached hereto. Initial costs are to activate E2 interface, test link and upgrade database to allow location coordinates to pass through to the public safety answering point (PSAP.) Monthly fees are to provide the 30W format to the PSAP, which includes X,Y coordinates, allows data to be pushed back and forth from the mobile switch, and gives PSAP the ability to rebid for updated coordinates as necessary.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board recommended at its March 23, 2007 meeting, that the Commission pay from the Fund Phase II LEC costs.

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. §§ 86-444 to 86-456 (2006 Cum. Supp.), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, and Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002.

Costs requested in the present funding request are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-86-465(2)(a) (2006 Cum. Supp.). All

costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance and operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

Based upon the request for funding and supporting documentation, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the request for funding should be granted.

Because Custer County authorized Qwest to receive all future payments on its behalf for wireless enhanced 911, the Commission finds that payment should be made to Qwest consistent with the amounts set forth in Appendix A as each implementation is complete. Custer County shall notify the Commission in writing that an implementation has been completed and payments shall be adjusted accordingly based on the rates set forth in Appendix A.

Information set forth in Appendix A shall be treated as proprietary and confidential.

Payment of all recurring charges shall be made in arrears on a quarterly basis. Any adjustments to rates must be approved by the Commission.

The Commission further finds that Custer County is on notice and is aware that approval of this funding request is made with the understanding that it may be modified in the future, consistent with the permanent funding mechanism established pursuant to LB 1222 [2006].

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Custer County's request for funding shall be granted consistent with the terms set forth herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission shall remit to Qwest amounts that comport with Appendix A attached hereto once each implementation is complete.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that Custer County is on notice and aware that approval of this funding request is made with the understanding that it may be modified in the future, consistent with the permanent funding mechanism established pursuant to LB 1222 [2006].

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 26th day of
February, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director