

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Dodge County        ) Application No. 911-023.06  
Public Safety Answering Point,        )  
Fremont, seeking funding             ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING FOR  
approval for recurring and non-       ) EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE  
recurring costs of Enhanced         )  
Wireless 911 implementation.         ) Entered: September 10, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated May 7, 2009, Dodge County Public Safety Answering Point, Fremont (Dodge County), sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Dodge County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$5,540.00** for one year equipment maintenance. Maintenance for the previous year and for the same cost was approved in an order entered August 5, 2008.

Dodge County provided supporting documentation for the expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Dodge County's request at its July 13, 2009 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in the amount of **\$5,540.00**.

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 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.

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 **\$5,540.00** in non-recurring costs for one year of maintenance, subject to the limitations set forth herein.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Dodge County the amount of **\$5,540.00** consistent with the terms of this order. The approval of maintenance funding is subject to change based upon the availability of funding and the permanent funding mechanism. Dodge County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor. Nothing herein shall bind the Commission to approve or fund future maintenance contracts.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any 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 Dodge County the amount of **\$5,540.00** consistent with the terms of this order for maintenance for a period of one year.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 10th day of September, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director