

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Dakota ) Application No. 911-023.16  
County/South Sioux City Public )  
Safety Answering Point, South ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
Sioux City, seeking funding ) REQUEST, IN PART  
approval for recurring and non- )  
recurring costs of Enhanced ) Entered: April 28, 2009  
Wireless 911 implementation.

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received December 1, 2008, Dakota County/South Sioux City Public Safety Answering Point, South Sioux City (Dakota County), sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Dakota County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$4,808.00** for the purchase of 911 workstations to upgrade its current equipment.

Dakota County provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Dakota County's request at its January 26, 2009 meeting and recommended that the Commission deny the request based upon the understanding that the upgrade was needed to view aerial maps not necessary for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

Due to the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission sought and received additional information regarding the need of the upgrade to the County's workstations. Dakota County provided additional explanation regarding the need for the new workstations indicating that although this would enable the County to view aerial maps, the workstations were required due to their age and lack of capacity to accommodate software upgrades generally.

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 the 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.

This funding request was received subsequent to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission therefore considers this funding request for reimbursement subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order of fifty-five percent (55%) wireless.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in part in the amount of **\$2,644.40** in non-recurring costs which represents fifty-five percent (55%) of the total upgrade cost.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Dakota County or its designee the amounts set forth above consistent with the terms of this order. Dakota County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

Should Dakota County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request not approved it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

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 Dakota County or its designee the amount of **\$2,644.40** consistent with the terms of this order for the upgrade necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED should Dakota County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding not approved herein, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within**

**fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 28th day of April, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director