

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Boyd-Holt) Application No. 911-023.21
Counties, Public Safety)
Answering Point, O'Neill,) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
seeking funding approval for) REQUEST, IN PART
recurring and non-recurring)
costs of Enhanced Wireless 911)
implementation.) Entered: May 27, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received December 28, 2008, Boyd-Holt Counties Public Safety Answering Point (Boyd-Holt), O'Neill, seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Boyd-Holt seeks non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$8,596.00** for the purchase and installation of equipment upgrade necessary for enhanced wireless 911 service. Additionally, Boyd-Holt seeks funding for one year maintenance for software and hardware totaling **\$3,371.00**. The costs are consistent with those filed with the Commission by the vendors.

Boyd-Holt provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses from its vendors. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Boyd-Holt's request at its April 6, 2009 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment consistent with the interim policy.

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.

Boyd-Holt's request includes costs associated with one year of maintenance and 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 part in the amount of **\$4,727.80** in non-recurring costs which represents fifty-five percent (55%) of the total upgrade and installation costs. Total maintenance costs are approved in the amount of **\$3,371.00** for a period of one year subject to the limitations set forth herein. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendors' responses to the RFP and portions set forth in the funding request shall be paid either to the appropriate vendor or reimbursed to Boyd-Holt after proof of payment is received.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Boyd-Holt or its designees the amounts set forth above consistent with the terms of this order and the funding request. Boyd-Holt may request that these amounts be paid directly to the respective vendors.

Should Boyd-Holt 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 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 Boyd-Holt

or its designee the amount of **\$4,727.80** consistent with the terms of this order for the upgrade necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Fund shall pay a total of **\$3,371.00** for one year of maintenance to Boyd-Holt or its designees consistent with the terms of this order.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED should Boyd-Holt 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 27th day of May, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director