

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Jefferson) Application No. 911-023.22
County, Fairbury, seeking)
funding approval for recurring) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
and non-recurring costs of) REQUEST, IN PART
Enhanced Wireless 911)
implementation.) Entered: May 28, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received January 14, 2008, Jefferson County, Fairbury, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Jefferson County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$126,774.00** for the purchase and installation of equipment and software necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service. Additionally, Jefferson County requests **\$15,379.00** for telephones.

Jefferson County provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Jefferson County's request at its April 21, 2008 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve the request with the exception of any funding for administrative telephones. Jefferson County has requested funding for 34 telephones, only three of which will be used at answering positions. The funding related to those three telephones appears to be **\$1,356.97**. Jefferson County was advised that if it wished to be considered for 100% funding, rather than 55% as set forth in the interim policy, it would have to submit documentation showing that it was unable to procure the equipment without full funding. Jefferson County advised that it was able to purchase the equipment with partial funding.

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. 2006), 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.

This funding request was received subsequent to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy and the information received from Jefferson County, the Commission therefore considers this funding request for funding subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order of 55%.

Those amounts attributable to administrative telephones are not eligible for funding. Therefore, the Commission considers funding only for three (3) of the telephones requested that would be needed at the three answering positions.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in part in the amount of **\$70,472.03** in non-recurring costs which represents 55% of the **\$126,774.00** for equipment and software and **\$1,356.97** for three (3) telephones. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendor's response to the RFP.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Jefferson County the amount of **\$70,472.03** consistent with the terms of this order. Jefferson County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

Should Jefferson County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts in excess of the prices offered in the response to the RFP 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 Jefferson County, or its designee, the amount of **\$70,472.03** consistent with the terms of this order for the equipment necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED should Jefferson County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts in excess of the prices offered in the response to the RFP, 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 May, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director