

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of North Platte) Application No. 911-023.25
Police Department Public Safety)
Answering Point, North Platte,)
seeking funding approval for) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
recurring and non-recurring) REQUEST, IN PART
costs of Enhanced Wireless 911)
implementation.) Entered: April 20, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received December 18, 2009, North Platte Police Department Public Safety Answering Point, North Platte (North Platte PD) sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, North Platte PD seeks non-recurring costs in the amount of one (1) year software maintenance totaling **\$3,881.56** and one (1) year equipment maintenance totaling **\$10,148.89**. The costs are consistent with cost of maintenance for similar equipment for other PSAPs. North Platte PD submitted documentation showing that it had paid the one (1) year of equipment maintenance and is seeking reimbursement. However, the Commission previously approved funding for the software maintenance in an order dated March 31, 2009, and made payment of the invoice referenced in the funding request directly to the vendor in May, 2009.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered North Platte PD's request at its January 11, 2010 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment.

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 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 part, in the amount of **\$10,148.89** in non-recurring costs for one (1) year equipment maintenance. The portion of the funding request related to the software maintenance in the amount of \$3,881.56 is denied, as it is duplicative of a prior request and has previously been paid by the Commission. The Fund shall therefore pay to North Platte PD the amount set forth above consistent with the terms of this order.

Because the expense at issue is for service during the current year, no amount will be deducted from the allocation upon implementation in July, 2010 of the permanent funding mechanism in Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to North Platte PD the amount of **\$10,148.89** consistent with the terms of this order for equipment maintenance.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 20th day of April, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director