

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Lincoln	)	Application No. 911-023.25
County, North Platte, seeking	)	
funding approval for recurring	)	ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
and non-recurring costs	)	REQUEST IN PART
associated with Enhanced	)	
Wireless 911 implementation.	)	Entered: March 20, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated November 20, 2007, Lincoln County, North Platte, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Lincoln County seeks **\$17,440.82** over five (5) years for software maintenance effective August 20, 2007 and **\$9,205.35** for one (1) year for hardware maintenance after expiration of the warranty period.

Lincoln County provided supporting documentation for the expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Lincoln County's request at its November 26, 2007 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in the amount of **\$26,645.53** paid annually.

All costs contained within the request for funding and supporting documentation are consistent with the vendor's response to the Commission's request for proposals (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 is eligible for full reimbursement based upon the Interim Policy, established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

Lincoln County's request includes costs associated with a five (5) year maintenance and service plan for software and one (1) year for equipment. 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.

The Commission further finds that the funding request shall be granted only to the extent the pricing complies with the vendor's response to the RFP.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted **\$17,440.18** for Evergreen software maintenance paid annually for a period of up to five (5) years and **\$9,205.35** for one (1) year hardware maintenance subject to the limitations set forth herein. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendor's response to the RFP.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Lincoln County or its designee the amount of **\$26,645.53** consistent with the terms of this order. The Fund shall pay **\$17,440.18** for Evergreen software maintenance in equal installments over a five (5) year period and **\$9,205.35** for hardware maintenance to Lincoln County, subject to change based upon the availability of funding and the permanent funding mechanism. Lincoln County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

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.

Any amounts not paid for by the fund shall be the responsibility of Lincoln County.

#### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Lincoln

County the amount of **\$26,645.53** consistent with the terms of this order for Evergreen software maintenance and hardware maintenance to Lincoln County or its designee consistent with the terms of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 11th day of December, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director