

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Saline County,) Application No. 911-023.29
Public Safety Answering Point,)
Wilber, and Crete Police)
Department, Crete, seeking) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
funding approval for recurring) REQUEST
and non-recurring costs)
associated with Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: November 24, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received September 23, 2009, Saline County, Public Safety Answering Point, Wilber, (Saline County) seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Saline County seeks non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$156,144.00** for the purchase and installation of equipment and software necessary for enhanced wireless 911 service. Additionally, Saline County seeks funding for five (5) years maintenance for equipment and software totaling **\$13,302.00** paid in annual installments. The costs are consistent with those filed with the Commission by the vendors. Saline County is requesting 100% funding and has provided financial and budget information in support of the request.

Saline County provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Saline County's request at its November 2, 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, therefore this funding request is subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order of fifty-five percent (55%) wireless. However, Saline County has requested 100% funding based upon the financial and budgetary information submitted.

Saline County's request includes costs associated with five (5) year maintenance and service plans for both mapping software and 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.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in the amount of **\$156,144.00** in non-recurring costs and **\$13,302.00** for maintenance. Maintenance shall be paid annually in the amount of **\$1,200.00** per year for equipment for a period of up to five (5) years and in annual installments for software maintenance for a period of up to five (5) years based upon the contract with GeoComm subject to the limitations set forth herein. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendors' responses to the RFP.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Saline County or its designees the amounts set forth above consistent with the terms of this order. Saline County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the respective equipment and software vendors.

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.

If the Nebraska Legislature fails to appropriate or authorize the expenditure of sufficient funds to provide for the payment of costs from the Fund or, if a lawful order issued in or for any fiscal year reduces the funds appropriated or authorized in such

amounts as to preclude making the payments from the Fund, the Commission will not be responsible for any costs not reimbursed by the Fund.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Saline County or its designees the amount of **\$156,144.00** consistent with the terms of this order for the equipment and software necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Fund shall pay **\$13,302.00** for maintenance. Maintenance shall be paid annually in the amount of **\$1,200.00** per year for equipment for a period of up to five (5) years and in annual installments for software maintenance for a period of up to five (5) years based upon the contract with GeoComm subject to the limitations set forth herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 24th day of November, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director