

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Scottsbluff                    ) Application No. 911-023.31  
County, Gering, seeking funding            )  
approval for recurring and non-            ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
recurring costs of Enhanced                )  
Wireless 911 implementation.                )  
  ) Entered: November 20, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received on October 10, 2007, Scottsbluff County, Gering seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund (Fund) for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Scottsbluff County seeks non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$15,312.00** for the purchase and installation of software necessary for enhanced wireless 911 service and additional hardware including a PC to operate the software. Additionally, Scottsbluff County has requested a funding for maintenance of the software. Scottsbluff County has entered into a contract with GeoComm, Inc. (GeoComm) for the purchase, installation, training, and maintenance of GeoLynx software and has provided a copy of the contract with its request for funding.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Scottsbluff County's request at its October 15, 2007 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in the amount of **\$15,312.00** and that the Commission delay action on the funding for maintenance pending receipt of additional information from GeoComm. All amounts requested are consistent with GeoComm's response to the Commission's RFP. In its contract with GeoComm, Scottsbluff County authorizes the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit payments directly to the vendor.

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).

Costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 (2006 Supp.). All costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the provision of Phase II wireless enhanced 911 service.

The Commission finds that payment should be made to GeoComm in the amount of **\$15,312.00** pursuant to the terms of the contract for non-recurring costs. The Commission further finds that consideration of funding for maintenance will be postponed pending receipt of further recommendation from the Advisory Board.

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.

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 during the term of the contract 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 request for funding of Scottsbluff County shall be granted, in part.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission shall remit to GeoComm from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund **\$15,312.00** for non-recurring costs as described herein.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that consideration of funding for maintenance will be postponed pending receipt of further recommendation from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 20th day of November, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director