

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Nemaha County,) Application No. 911-023.34
Auburn, seeking funding)
approval for recurring and non-) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
recurring costs associated with) REQUEST
Wireless E911 implementation.)
) Entered: May 28, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated February 25, 2008, Nemaha County, Auburn, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Nemaha County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$95,362.00** for the purchase and installation of equipment and software necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service. Nemaha County currently uses Motorola Centralink equipment which will no longer be supported by the manufacturer, therefore crippling the county's ability to maintain and upgrade the equipment.

Nemaha County provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Nemaha County's request at its April 21, 2008 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment. Subsequently, on May 12, 2008, Nemaha County submitted additional documentation to request that the Commission consider funding the equipment at 100% rather than utilizing the wireless/wireline factor.

The costs are consistent with 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, the Commission would consider this funding subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order. However, Nemaha County has requested that the Commission consider funding its request at 100% funding and has provided documentation in support of the request.

The Commission finds that the request for funding should be granted in the amount of **\$95,362.00** in non-recurring costs 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 Nemaha County the amount of **\$95,362.00** consistent with the terms of this order. Nemaha County may request that this amount be paid directly to the vendor.

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 Nemaha County, or its designee, the amount of **\$95,362.00** consistent with the terms of this order for the equipment and software necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 28th day of May, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director