

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the City of) Application No. 911-023.36
Lincoln/Lancaster County,)
Public Safety Answering Point,) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING FOR
seeking funding approval for) EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE
recurring and non-recurring) MAINTENANCE
costs associated with Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: September 10, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received April 8, 2009, City of Lincoln/Lancaster County, Public Safety Answering Point (Lancaster County), sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Lancaster County seeks non-recurring costs in the amount of one (1) year equipment and software maintenance commencing April 13, 2009 totaling **\$44,769.12**. The costs are consistent with cost of maintenance for similar equipment for other PSAPs and amounts previously paid for software maintenance.

Lancaster County provided supporting documentation for the expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Lancaster County's request at its July 13, 2009 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 the amount of **\$44,769.12** in non-recurring costs for one (1) year maintenance. The Fund shall therefore pay to Lancaster County or its designee, the amounts set forth above, consistent with the terms of this order. Lancaster 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.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to the Lancaster County, or its designee, the amount of **\$44,769.12** consistent with the terms of this order for software and equipment maintenance.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 10th day of September, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director