

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Polk County,) Application No. 911-023.44
Public Safety Answering Point,)
Osceola, seeking funding)
approval for recurring and non-) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: November 24, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received from Polk County, Public Safety Answering Point, Osceola, seeking funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund (Fund) for expenses to related to Geographical Information System (GIS) data necessary for the implementation of Phase II wireless enhanced 911.

Polk County has entered into a contract for services with GeoComm, Inc. (GeoComm) for the development and maintenance of GIS Data and has provided supporting documentation with its request for funding. Polk County's request seeks \$500.00 related to work done to incorporate GIS data from surrounding counties.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its November 2, 2009 meeting and recommended denial based upon the understanding that the costs were associated with creation of data from surrounding counties that is available through the statewide data repository. Subsequently, Polk County and its vendor submitted additional information showing that the costs are not for the creation of the data but related to work necessary to incorporate the data from the repository into Polk County's GIS system including set-up and data conversion.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-469 (2006 Cum. Supp.), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the October 18, 2005 Adopting Guidelines for GIS Funding in Docket No. 911-011.

Costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 (2008 Cum. Supp.). All costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the development of GIS data which is necessary for the implementation and provision of Phase II wireless enhanced 911 service.

The Commission finds based upon the additional information received that the request should be granted. The Commission finds that payment should be made to the county or GeoComm in the amount of **\$500.00** for the non-recurring costs pursuant to the terms of the contract and subject to any limitations herein.

If the Nebraska Legislature fails to appropriate or authorize the expenditure of sufficient funds to provide for the payment of costs from the Fund for GIS development and maintenance or if a lawful order issued in or for any fiscal year during the term of the contract for services 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.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any amounts approved herein in the future, consistent with the permanent funding mechanism established pursuant to LB 1222 [2006].

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the request for funding of Polk County shall be granted subject to the terms herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission shall remit to Polk County or its designee from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund **\$500.00** for nonrecurring costs.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director