

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Burt County,) Application No. 911-023.59
Public Safety Answering Point,)
Tekamah, seeking funding) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
approval for recurring and non-) REQUEST
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation) Entered: March 25, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated November 16, 2007, Burt County, Tekamah, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Burt County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$94,255.00** for the purchase and installation of equipment and **\$18,250.00** for GIS mapping software, both of which are necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service. Additionally, Burt County seeks **\$3,250.00 per year** for two (2) years for equipment maintenance and **\$2,750.00 per year** for two (2) years for GIS software maintenance.

Burt County provided supporting documentation for the equipment, software, and associated expenses from its vendors. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Burt County's request at its January 14, 2008 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment for the equipment but tabled discussion of the equipment maintenance. The Board further approved the GIS software and maintenance. Burt County also submitted additional information regarding its landline 911 revenue and ability to pay for the equipment upgrade in support of its request for 100% funding.

All costs contained within the request for funding and supporting documentation are consistent with the vendor's RFP pricing.

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, Burt County has requested that the Commission consider funding its request at 100% funding and has provided documentation in support of the request.

Burt County's request includes costs associated with a two (2) year maintenance and service plan for both equipment and software. 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.

The Commission finds that Burt County has provided sufficient documentation to justify funding its request at 100% rather than subject to the wireless/wireline allocation.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in the amount of **\$112,505.00** in non recurring costs and recurring costs of **\$2,750.00** for GIS software maintenance and **\$3,250.00** for hardware maintenance paid annually for a period of up to two (2) years 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 Burt County the above listed amounts consistent with the terms of this order. Additionally, the Fund shall pay **\$2,750.00** for GIS software maintenance and **\$3,250.00** for hardware maintenance paid annually for a period of up to two (2) years to Burt County annually, subject to change based upon the availability of funding and the permanent funding mechanism. Burt 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 Burt County the amount of **\$112,505.00** 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 recurring costs of **\$2,750.00** for GIS software maintenance and **\$3,250.00** for hardware maintenance paid annually for a period of up to two (2) years subject to the limitations set forth herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 25th day of March, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director