

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Thurston ) Application No. 911-023.62  
County, Public Safety Answering )  
Point, Pender, seeking funding ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
approval for recurring and non- ) REQUEST  
recurring costs of Enhanced )  
Wireless 911 implementation. ) Entered: November 24, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated October 28, 2009, Thurston County, Public Safety Answering Point, Pender, (Thurston County) sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Thurston County seeks **\$6,068.15** for one (1) year software and equipment maintenance covering August 2009 through August 2010.

Thurston County provided supporting documentation for the expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Thurston County's request at its November 24, 2009 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in full.

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 Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, (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 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 **\$6,068.15**, for software and hardware maintenance subject to the limitations set forth herein.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Thurston County the amount of **\$6,068.15**, consistent with the terms of this order. Thurston County may request that these amounts 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.

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 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 Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Thurston County, or its designee, the amount of **\$6,068.15**, consistent with the terms of this order.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director