

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 FOR
approval for recurring and non-) SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: September 10, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received June 17, 2009, Thurston County Public Safety Answering Point (Thurston County), Pender, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Thurston County seeks non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$8,636.64**, paid in five equal annual installments, for five years Evergreen software maintenance commencing June 1, 2009. Costs are consistent with those filed with the Commission by the vendor.

Thurston County provided supporting documentation for the expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Thurston County's request at its July 13, 2009 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment consistent with the interim policy.

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.

Thurston County's request includes costs associated with a five (5) year maintenance and service plan for its Evergreen software. The Commission finds that maintenance of the 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 **\$8,636.64** for maintenance representing. Maintenance shall be paid annually in the amount of **\$1,727.33** for a period of up to five (5) years 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 Thurston County, or its designee, the amounts set forth above 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 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 Thurston County or its designee the amount of **\$8,636.64** consistent with the terms of this order in annual installments over a five (5) year period in the amount of **\$1,727.33**, consistent with the terms of this order.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director