

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Franklin) Application No. 911-023.63
County, Public Safety Answering)
Point, Franklin, seeking) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
funding approval for recurring) REQUEST, IN PART
and non-recurring costs of)
Enhanced Wireless 911)
implementation.) Entered: December 9, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated October 3, 2008, Franklin County, Public Safety Answering Point, Franklin, (Franklin County) seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Franklin County seeks non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$115,070.00** for the purchase and installation of equipment necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service. However, Franklin County has indicated that it has resources available to pay forty-five percent (45%) of the cost of the equipment.

Franklin County provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Franklin County's request at its October 6, 2008 meeting and did not make a recommendation regarding the request. The Board was concerned because the equipment being purchased was not IP capable. However, it can be upgraded at a future time. Franklin County did not have sufficient funds to pay the forty-five percent (45%) of the cost of the IP capable equipment at this time.

The costs are consistent with the vendor's response to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP).

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. (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 concerns 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 therefore considers this funding request for partial reimbursement subject to the 55% wireless - 45% landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in part in the amount of **\$63,288.50** in non recurring costs. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendor's response to the RFP.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Franklin County or its designee, the amount of **\$63,288.50** representing 55% of the cost of the equipment consistent with the terms of this order once installation is complete. Franklin County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

Franklin County may be required to pay for any future upgrades to become IP enabled.

Should Franklin County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request not approved it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

Franklin County is responsible for ensuring that it has complied with all state and local bidding requirements.

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 Franklin

County or its designee the amount of **\$63,288.50** consistent with the terms of this order for the equipment necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED should Franklin County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request not approved, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 9th day of December, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Director