

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.02  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
administer funding for public ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
safety answering points for the )  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
Dodge County. ) Entered: July 10, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-mentioned docket, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points ("PSAPs") for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism.<sup>1</sup>

On or about May 2, 2018, Dodge County filed a request to use set aside funds for the purchase of a GeoComm GeoLynx server mapping system, in the amount of \$44,644.00.

The costs are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless ratio for Dodge County for the 2017-2018 funding year is 81% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board Considered the request at its May 14, 2018 meeting and recommended the request be approved.

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

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) adopted the permanent cost model to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.<sup>2</sup>

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 for funding as costs incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications

<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service, Application No. 911-042, ORDER OPENING DOCKET (March 30, 2010).

<sup>2</sup> In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service, Application No. 911-019/PI-118, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (February 23, 2010).

equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.<sup>3</sup> PSAP costs for the purchase and maintenance of software, including GIS data sets, are eligible for funding.<sup>4</sup>

Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, PSAPs are permitted to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for the future purchase of equipment and software.<sup>5</sup> Set aside funds may also be used to pay the first year of multi-year maintenance agreements.<sup>6</sup> However, set aside funds may not be used to pay future years of multi-year maintenance or support agreements. Any such future costs must be paid from a PSAP's annually allocated funds or other sources, and do not require prior approval of the Commission. Therefore, amounts necessary to pay future years of multi-year maintenance costs need not be approved pursuant to this Order.<sup>7</sup>

Pursuant to the wireless ratio on file with the Commission for Dodge County, the amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be up to \$20,250.00 with respect to one-time costs and \$15,911.64 with respect to first year maintenance costs, for a total of \$36,161.64 when utilizing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Dodge County should be approved in the amount of up to **\$36,161.64**.

#### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Dodge County is hereby approved in the amount of up to **\$36,161.64**.

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<sup>3</sup> NEB. REV. STAT. § 86-465.

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Clay County Application No. 911-042.03, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (October 31, 2017).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> See, e.g., In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: City of North Platte, Application No. 911-042.18 ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (August 29, 2017).

<sup>7</sup> App. No. 911-019/PI-118, *supra* note 1.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of July, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Crystal Knodes*

*Mary Ridder*

Chair

*Tim Schram*

ATTEST:

*John Kutz*

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Mary Ridder

Deputy Director