BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. 911-042.10
Public Service Commission, on)	
its own motion, seeking to)	
administer funding for public)	
safety answering points for the)	ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
implementation and provision of)	
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)	
Buffalo County.)	
)	Entered: January 12, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about October 26, 2015, Buffalo County filed a request for funding towards the completion and maintenance of an address point layer for the county. Buffalo County has a wireless ratio for the 2015-2016 funding year of 83% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its December 14, 2015 meeting and recommended that the request be approved.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) adopted the permanent cost model to administer funding for PSAPs for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118. On December 18, 2012, the Commission entered an order finding that the development of address point GIS data is an eligible expense which may be paid entirely with wireless funds as well as with set-aside funds. 1

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 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.

Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, PSAPs are permitted to retain up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the

¹ 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: Douglas County, Order Approving Request, In Part (Dec. 18, 2012).

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amount allocated to that PSAP for the future purchase of equipment and software. Buffalo County is seeking authority to use its funding for GIS Workshop to complete an address point layer in the amount of \$2,700.00 and maintenance in the amount of \$3,700.00, for a total cost of \$6,400.00.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that Buffalo County's funding request for GIS address point layering should be approved in the amount of up to \$2,700.00. Buffalo County may either use its allocation to pay this cost in its entirety or use set-aside funds to pay the cost, to the extent that Buffalo County has sufficient funds available in its set-aside account. Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Buffalo County is responsible for paying for maintenance attributable to the address point layer from its allocation.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for Buffalo County is hereby approved not to exceed \$2,700.00.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 12th day of January, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Commissioners concurring:

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ATTEST:

Chairman

Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram