

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.13
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public)
safety answering points for the) ORDER MODIFYING FUNDING
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Merrick County.) Entered: May 9, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On or about 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 for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism approved under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

On March 31, 2016, Merrick County filed its application for funding with the Commission pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118. On May 3, 2016, the Commission entered its order authorizing all PSAP funding for the state based upon the calculations using the 911-SAM approved by the Commission February 23, 2010. Appendix A to the May 3, 2016 order indicates that Merrick County qualified for \$49,793.98.¹

Subsequent to the May 3, 2016 Order, the Commission completed an audit for the 2012-2013 funding year. The audit determined that Merrick County had set-aside \$6,738.87 in excess of the maximum 75% of funding that PSAPs are allowed to retain for future equipment and software purchases. Merrick County was also subject to a previously approved funding commitment of \$8,250.00 for the 2016-2017 funding year.² Therefore, pursuant to Commission Order, an adjustment was made to reduce Merrick County's annual funding in an amount equal

¹ 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, ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS (May 3, 2016)

² 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).

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to such excess and funding commitment, resulting in funding to Merrick County for the 2016-2017 funding year in the amount of \$34,805.11.³

The Commission recently completed a review and audit of Merrick County for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 funding years. During such review, it was determined that personnel expenses for dispatchers who receive and process wireless enhanced 911 calls had not been included in the total of the County's expenditures for eligible expenses in the 2012-2013 funding year. However, PSAP costs eligible for wireless enhanced funding had been expanded to include such personnel expenses by Commission Order dated April 17, 2012.⁴

It is apparent that Merrick County incurred eligible personnel expenses exceeding \$6,738.87 for dispatchers who receive and process wireless enhanced 911 calls during the 2012-2013 funding year. The fact that such eligible expenses were incurred by the PSAP eliminates the need for the adjustment described above. The previously approved funding commitment in the amount of \$8,250.00 will remain in effect.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds that funding for Merrick County should be modified to increase such funding by an amount equal to \$6,738.87 for the 2016-2017 funding year. Such amount shall be payable to Merrick County as an additional payment prior to the end of the 2016-2017 funding year.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Merrick County is hereby modified by increasing such amount by **\$6,738.87** as set forth herein, resulting in a total of up to \$41,543.98 for the 2016-2017 funding year. Such additional amount shall be payable to Merrick County no later than June 30, 2017.

³ 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: Merrick County, Application No. 911-042.13, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (June 28, 2016).

⁴ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine costs eligible for funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(2)(b) and (c), Application No. 911-054/PI-181 Order Amending List of Eligible Expenses (Apr. 17, 2012).

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 9th day of May, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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//s//Frank E. Landis
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Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeffrey L. Pyle

Executive Director

COMMISSIONER DISSENTING:

//s//Crystal Rhoades