

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 APPROVING FUNDING  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
Merrick County. ) Entered: March 6, 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 January 8, 2018, Merrick County and Hamilton County (together, the "Counties") filed separate applications to use set-aside funds to purchase software and equipment in connection with a project to consolidate the Counties' two PSAPs into a single facility located in Hamilton County. Each application includes a request to purchase a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping solution for the Counties' combined service area, including first year maintenance. Merrick County's application also includes a request to purchase computer aided dispatch ("CAD") software and equipment.

Merrick County proposed to pay the full amount of expenses relating to the CAD system, which is \$12,928.00. However, the Counties have agreed to divide the \$30,478.00 cost of the GIS mapping solution, such that Merrick County will be responsible for \$9,150.00 and Hamilton County will be responsible for the remaining \$21,328.00. Therefore, the total amount to be funded by Merrick County is \$22,078.00.

The funding sought is subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless/wireline ratio for Merrick County for the 2017-2018 funding year is 84% wireless.

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<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).

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the Merrick County funding request at its February 20, 2018, meeting and recommended that funding 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 equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.<sup>3</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. Set aside funds may be used for the purchase and first year maintenance of GIS mapping solutions<sup>4</sup> and CAD systems<sup>5</sup>, pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds that Merrick County's request to use set-aside funds should be approved in the amount of **\$18,545.52**, representing 84% of \$22,078.00, pursuant to the wireless/wireline ratio on file with the Commission.

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<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).

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

<sup>4</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: City of Lincoln, Application No. 911-042.33, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (November 7, 2017).

<sup>5</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: City of Lincoln, Application No. 911-042.33, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (October 31, 2017).

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Merrick County is hereby approved in an amount of up to **\$18,545.52**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



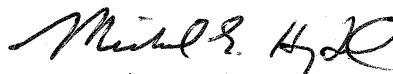
//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Mary Ridder



Chair

ATTEST:



Executive Director