

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.26  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
administer funding for public ) ORDER APPROVING USE OF  
safety answering points for the ) FUNDING  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
Dawson County. ) Entered: March 31, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about February 24, 2015, Dawson County filed a request to use the enhanced wireless 911 set aside funds toward the upgrade of existing Phase II 911 equipment at a total cost of \$88,253.70.

The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. Dawson County has a wireless ratio for the 2014-2015 funding year of 83% wireless. Therefore, Dawson County requested approval to use its set aside funds toward 83% of the total cost or \$73,250.57.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its March 2, 2015 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.

Based upon the request, 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 amount allocated to that PSAP for the future purchase of equipment and software. However, set aside funds may not be used for the costs of extended maintenance contracts.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that Dawson County's request to use set aside funds for the purchase of equipment and software should be approved, in part. Dawson County may use set aside funds up to \$73,250.57 in costs representing 83% of the total costs based the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

Because the purchase and installation of the equipment and software may span two funding years and the wireless/wireline ratio may change, Dawson County must enter into the contract for the purchase prior to June 30, 2015 in order to utilize its set aside funds at the current wireless/wireline ratio. Should the contract not be finalized by that time, Dawson County must resubmit its application so that the applicable ratio can be applied.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Dawson County is responsible for paying for maintenance attributable to the provision of wireless enhanced 911 service from its allocation.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for Dawson County is hereby approved, in part, as set forth herein not to exceed \$73,250.57 in costs representing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the contract for the purchase of the equipment and software must be prior to June 30, 2015.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 31st day of March, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that Dawson County's request to use set aside funds for the purchase of equipment and software should be approved, in part. Dawson County may use set aside funds up to \$73,250.57 in costs representing 83% of the total costs based the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

Because the purchase and installation of the equipment and software may span two funding years and the wireless/wireline ratio may change, Dawson County must enter into the contract for the purchase prior to June 30, 2015 in order to utilize its set aside funds at the current wireless/wireline ratio. Should the contract not be finalized by that time, Dawson County must resubmit its application so that the applicable ratio can be applied.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Dawson County is responsible for paying for maintenance attributable to the provision of wireless enhanced 911 service from its allocation.

## O R D E R



IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for Dawson County is hereby approved, in part, as set forth herein not to exceed \$73,250.57 in costs representing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the contract for the purchase of the equipment and software must be prior to June 30, 2015.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 31st day of March, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//Gerald L. Vap