

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.29  
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: )  
City of Hastings. ) Entered: June 29, 2010

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 April 18, 2010, the Hastings and Adams County Joint Services Committee and Hastings/Adams County Public Service Answering Point (Hastings) filed its application for funding with the Commission pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

Hastings, which services the areas of Adams County, is eligible for funding in the amount of \$61,649.42 for the 2010-11 funding year.

Hastings has indicated that it anticipates setting aside thirty-percent (30%) of its funding for costs related to GIS. The County also intends to set aside seventy-five percent (75%) of its funding for future equipment and software upgrades and purchases. We assume that the percentages are a clerical error and that Hastings intended to set aside the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) for GIS costs.

There seems to be a general misunderstanding that there are not two separate funds for GIS and other PSAP expenditures. All eligible costs, whether GIS or other PSAP expenditures, should be specified for allocation from one source of funding under the permanent mechanism. Additionally, amounts cannot be set aside in excess of the 75% for future equipment and software upgrades and purchases. Therefore, any money in excess of the 75% that

is not spent during the funding year must be refunded to the Wireless Enhanced 911 Fund at the end of that funding year.

There are no prior funding commitments to be deducted from the allocation.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that funding request for Hastings in the amount of \$61,649.42 should be approved consistent with the allocation determined in Docket 911-019/PI-118. Hastings cannot set aside any funds in excess of the 75% for equipment and software purchases and upgrades. Any funds not expended during the funding year must be refunded.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Hastings is required to submit documentation to justify expenditures, including an accounting of funds set aside for future equipment and software purchases, and update contact and other information no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year. If the Commission determines that any funds were not used appropriately, funding for the following funding year will be adjusted to recoup any necessary funds. All PSAPs are subject to audit.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the Hastings and Adams County Joint Services Committee and Hastings/Adams County Public Service Answering Point is hereby approved as set forth herein in the amount of \$61,649.42.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Hastings submit required documentation to justify all expenditures with approved funds no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year consistent with the terms of the order approving the permanent funding mechanism and process in Docket 911-019/PI-118 entered on February 23, 2010.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that Hastings cannot set aside any funds in excess of the 75% for equipment and software purchases and upgrades. Any funds not expended during the funding year must be refunded.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director