

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.34
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:)
Polk County.) Entered: July 13, 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 19, 2010, the Polk County Sheriff's Office (Polk County) filed its application for funding with the Commission pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

Polk County, which services the areas of Polk County, is eligible for funding in the amount of \$26,633.55 for the 2010-11 funding year. Polk County has indicated that it anticipates using the funding provided for the following purposes: contracts for GIS software support and map updates, contracts for 911 hardware and software, training and services of new hardware and software, and plans to set aside about 70% of its funding for future equipment and software upgrades and purchases. Polk County also indicated that it plans to set aside 30% of its funding for costs related to GIS. 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.

Prior funding commitments in the amount of \$2,888.00 were previously approved and must be deducted from the allocation.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that funding request for Polk County in the amount of \$23,745.55 should be approved consistent with the allocation determined in Docket 911-019/PI-118.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Polk County 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 Polk County Sheriff's Office is hereby approved as set forth herein in the amount of \$23,745.55.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Polk County 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.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 13th day of July, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director