

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.41
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 Beatrice.) Entered: June 28, 2011

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 7, 2011, the City of Beatrice (Beatrice) filed its application for funding with the Commission pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

Beatrice, which provides services for Gage County, is eligible for funding in the amount of \$52,724.56 for the 2011-2012 funding year. Beatrice has indicated that it anticipates using the funding provided for the following purposes: Windstream 911 maintenance agreement, and GIS data maintenance contract, and does not plan to set aside any of its funding for future equipment and software upgrades and purchases.

In its application, Beatrice stated that it planned to use its funding to cover costs associated with a maintenance agreement with the Beatrice Board of Public Works. Based upon the face of the application, it seems that the agreement is duplicative of other maintenance agreements in the application and it is unclear whether this agreement will specifically support wireless enhanced 911 service in Beatrice. Therefore, the Commission finds that this agreement is ineligible for funding. Should Beatrice wish to have an opportunity to present evidence before the Commission as to why the costs associated with the agreement should be considered eligible for funding, Beatrice may request within 30 days from the date of this order that the Commission set the matter for hearing.

Prior funding commitments in the amount of \$4,037.00 were previously approved and must be deducted from the allocation.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that the funding request for Beatrice in the amount of \$48,687.56, should be approved consistent with the allocation determined in Docket 911-019/PI-118.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Beatrice 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.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the City of Beatrice is hereby approved as set forth herein in the amount of \$48,687.56.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Beatrice 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 28th day of June, 2011.

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