

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.52
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;)
Cherry County.) Entered: July 27, 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 22, 2010, Cherry County filed its application for funding with the Commission pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

Cherry County, which services the area of Cherry County, is eligible for funding in the amount of up to \$27,579.15 for the 2010-11 funding year. Cherry County has indicated that it anticipates using the funding provided for the following purposes: support contracts of GIS software support and map updates, support contracts for 911 hardware and software, and other equipment, training, software and services to assist in the provision of wireless 911 service.

The county also indicated that it plans to set aside 75% of its funding for future equipment and software upgrades and purchases, 20% for future purchases, and 5% for training purposes. 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.

Cherry County has not yet implemented enhanced wireless 911 but is in the process of doing so. As such, no payment can be made to the county until such implementation is completed. The eligible funding will be prorated based upon the date of

implementation and the county will not receive the full allocation.

Prior funding commitments in the amount of \$12,149.00 were previously approved and must be deducted from the allocation. In addition, \$1,106.16 will be deducted from the allocation for Cherry County's portion of funding approved for KBRC Regional E-911 prior to the implementation of the cost-model under Docket 911-023.82.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that funding request for Cherry County in the amount of up to \$14,323.99 should be approved consistent with the allocation determined in Docket 911-019/PI-118. Cherry County 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. Payments of a prorated amount will commence once implementation of wireless enhanced 911 services is complete. Cherry County is responsible for notifying the Commission once implementation has taken place.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Cherry 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 Cherry County is hereby approved as set forth herein in the amount of up to \$14,323.99.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that payments of a prorated amount will commence once implementation of wireless enhanced 911 service has occurred and Cherry County has notified the Commission.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that Cherry 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 27th day of July,
2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director