

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.56  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
administer funding for public ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING,  
safety answering points for the ) IN PART  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
York County. ) Entered: December 14, 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 November 12, 2010, York County Sheriff's Office on behalf of York County (York County) filed a request for funding for GIS mapping software at a cost of \$21,700.00 and maintenance costs for a one year period totaling \$4,125.00. York County stated in its application that it does not have sufficient funds accumulated to pay for the purchase and asks that the Commission pay the costs based upon the PSAPs' filed wireless call volumes and deduct an appropriate amount from future allocations. York County currently has \$12,695.04 set aside in its equipment and software fund.

Therefore, York County has requested actual costs of \$19,313.00 for the software purchase and installation and an additional \$3,671.25 for one-year maintenance representing 89% of the total costs based upon wireless call volumes.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its November 15, 2010 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. Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism York County is receiving a monthly payment in the amount of \$3,173.76.

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that a portion of 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, PSAPs are not required to wait to apply for funding for these items until they have saved sufficient funds from their monthly allocation to cover the cost. To the extent that there is an insufficient balance in the PSAP's equipment and software fund, after an accounting is received of the funds the PSAP has available, the Commission will pay the appropriate percentage of the cost of the equipment and software and a deduction will be made from the future annual allocation to the PSAP until the expense is reimbursed to the Fund.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that funding request for York County should be approved in part in the amount of \$19,313.00 representing 89% of the cost of the software and installation consistent with the allocation determined in Docket 911-019/PI-118. A deduction in the amount of \$804.71 shall be made from York County's monthly allocation over a twenty-four month period commencing once payment has been made.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, York County must be responsible for paying for that portion of the maintenance attributable to the provision of wireless enhanced 911 service from its allocation as the equipment and software program established under the permanent funding mechanism does not contemplate advancing funds for maintenance agreements.

Should York County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request denied herein it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

#### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the York County Sheriff's Office is hereby approved in part as set forth herein in the amount of \$19,313.00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a deduction in the amount of \$804.71 shall be made from York County's monthly allocation over a twenty-four month period commencing once payment has been made.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 14th day of December, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director