

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.62
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER APPROVING USE OF
safety answering points for the) FUNDING, IN PART
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Colfax County.) Entered: March 31, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about January 26, 2015, Colfax County filed a request to use the enhanced wireless 911 set aside funds toward the replacement of existing Phase II 911 equipment at a cost of \$66,359.37 and a five (5) year maintenance contract at a cost of \$32,714.15.

The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. Colfax County has a wireless ratio for the 2014-2015 funding year of 77% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its March 2, 2015 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.

Based upon the request, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that 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, set aside funds may not be used for the costs of extended maintenance contracts.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that Colfax County's request to use set aside funds for the purchase of equipment and software should be approved, in part. Because the purchase and installation of the equipment and software may span two funding years, Colfax County may use set aside funds for the percentage of the total of \$66,359.37 in costs representing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission at the time the contract for the purchase is signed.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Colfax County is responsible for paying for maintenance attributable to the provision of wireless enhanced 911 service from its allocation. Therefore, the portion of the request to utilize set aside funds for the purchase of an extended maintenance contract is denied.

Should Colfax 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 Colfax County is hereby approved, in part, as set forth herein not to exceed the percentage of the total of \$66,359.37 in costs representing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission at the time the contract for the purchase is signed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 31st day of March, 2015.

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//s//Frank E. Landis
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