

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.64  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
administer funding for public ) ORDER APPROVING USE OF  
safety answering points for the ) FUNDING  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
Sarpy County. ) Entered: February 22, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about February 10, 2017, Sarpy County filed a request with the Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking retroactive approval of its use of enhanced wireless 911 set aside funds during the 2011-2012 funding year for the replacement of VIPER Customer Premise Equipment ("CPE") at a total cost of \$98,465.45.

The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. Sarpy County has a wireless ratio for the 2011-2012 funding year of 70% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the retroactive request at its February 13, 2017, 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 Commission adopted the permanent cost model to administer funding for public safety answering points ("PSAPs") for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118. The order establishing the cost model also provides that PSAPs' use of enhanced wireless 911 set aside funds are subject to audit by the Commission.

In the course of an audit of the 2011-2012 funding year, it was determined that on or about June 21, 2012, Sarpy County paid an invoice in the amount of \$98,465.45 to upgrade existing CPE equipment. Set aside funds were used to pay \$68,925.82 of the cost, which was the amount eligible to be paid under the then applicable wireless ratio. Sarpy County also paid \$29,539.63 using landline 911 funds.

Sarpy County failed to seek prior approval to use set-aside funds for the CPE equipment purchase in 2012 as required by Docket No. 911-019/PI-118. Sarpy County now seeks retroactive approval of this expenditure.

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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 for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

The Commission finds that Sarpy County's request for retroactive approval of the use of set aside funds for the purchase of equipment. In the future, Sarpy County should ensure that any funding requests be submitted to the Commission for consideration and approval prior to any expenditure of set aside funds.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the retroactive funding request for Sarpy County is hereby approved in the amount of **\$68,925.82**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Mary Ridden*

*Crystal Knudsen*

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Tim Schram

*Tim Schram*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*Jeffery L. Peltz*

Executive Director