

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. 911-060.26
on its own Motion, seeking to)
investigate and determine)
whether additional funds from)
the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund) ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION
should be made available to)
public safety answering points)
for costs to implement text to)
911 solutions: Dawson County.) Entered: January 23, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 6, 2014, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) entered an Order on its own Motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points (PSAPs) for costs to implement text to 911 solutions.

On November 4, 2014, the Commission released Progression Order No. 3 in this docket, setting out the procedure to fund text to 911 outside the cost model for PSAPs ready to implement technology solutions on an interim basis. The staff proposal adopted set out the application process for PSAPs seeking interim funding for text to 911 solutions.

On July 17, 2017, Dawson County submitted an application in this docket requesting text to 911 funding for a Direct IP solution. The application listed \$2,085.12 in non-recurring costs and monthly recurring costs totaling \$4,500.00, representing recurring costs of \$125.00 per month for 36 months. Dawson serves Dawson and Gosper Counties.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Dawson's funding request at its July 31, 2017 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve the request. On August 29, 2017, the Commission entered an Order approving Dawson County's funding request.¹

¹ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions: Dawson County, Application No. 911-060.26, ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION (August 29, 2017).

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On October 10, 2017, Dawson County submitted a subsequent application in this docket for additional funding to cover costs associated with moving certain text to 911 computer equipment from its current location at the Buffalo County PSAP to the Dawson County PSAP. The purpose of this move is to provide both PSAPs with geographically diverse redundant text to 911 connections in order to help prevent potential outages. The application for funding listed a total of \$3,172.32 in non-recurring costs and no recurring costs relating to the move. The Enhance Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Dawson's funding request at its October 23, 2017, meeting and recommended that the Commission approve the request.

O P I N I O N S A N D F I N D I N G S

According to Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-465(2), costs incurred by public safety answering points for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service may be eligible for payment from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund, according to standards and criteria established by the Commission.

Pursuant to the staff proposal adopted in Progression Order No. 3 in this docket, the Commission may approve funding requests for text to 911 technology solutions costs such as text control center contracts, staff training, trunks necessary for additional text traffic, other costs related to the provision of text to 911 services not attributed more generally to 911 emergency response services. Progression Order No. 3 further specified that the Commission intended to limit approval of text to 911 related service contracts to no more than three years.

The Commission finds the application submitted by Dawson contains eligible costs under the interim text to 911 funding orders. PSAPs must submit invoices for payment by the Commission or submit invoices with evidence of payment for reimbursement to the PSAP from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the text-to-911 funding request submitted by Dawson County on October 10, 2017, be and hereby is, approved in an amount not to exceed **\$3,172.32** non-recurring costs.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dawson County submit required documentation to justify all expenditures for payment or reimbursement from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of January, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



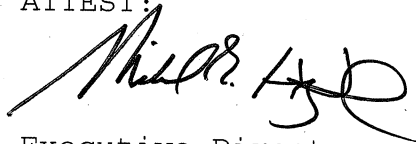






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ATTEST:



Executive Director