

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. 911-060.55
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: Howard County) Entered: August 7, 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 Fund¹ should be made available to public safety answering points (PSAPs) for costs to implement text to 911 solutions.²

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.³

On or about July 9, 2018, the Howard County PSAP ("Howard") submitted an application in this docket requesting text to 911 funding for an integrated direct IP solution. The application listed \$1,807.70 in non-recurring costs and annual recurring costs totaling \$4,500.00, representing recurring costs of \$1,500.00 per year for three years.

¹ The Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund was merged into the 911 Service System Fund as a consequence of LB 993 [2018].

² 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, Application No. 911-060/PI-191, ORDER OPENING DOCKET SEEKING COMMENT AND SCHEDULING HEARING (May 6, 2014).

³ 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, Application No. 911-060/PI-191, PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 3 (Nov. 4, 2014).

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The application was reviewed by technical subject matter experts, Mission Critical Partners, who advise the Commission that the proposed integrated direct IP solution is a logical deployment choice and appropriate for funding, assuming Howard joins the South-Central region.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Howard's funding request at its July 23, 2018. meeting and recommended the Commission approve the funding 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 911 Service System 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 Howard 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 911 Service System Funds.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the text to 911 technology solution funding request submitted by Howard be, and hereby is, approved in an amount not to exceed \$1,807.70 in non-recurring costs, plus a total of \$4,500.00 in recurring costs over a three-year period.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Howard County submit required documentation to justify all expenditures for payment or reimbursement from the 911 Service System Fund.


ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of August, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Mary Ridder

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chair

ATTEST:


Deputy Director