

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Lincoln ) Application No. PSAP-025.1  
County, North Platte, seeking )  
funding approval for recurring ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
and non-recurring costs ) REQUEST  
associated with Wireless E911 )  
implementation. ) Entered: July 18, 2006  
)

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated June 21, 2006, Lincoln County, North Platte, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Lincoln County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of \$136,543.74 for the purchase and installation of equipment necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service and recurring monthly costs of \$2,486.15 for software and hardware maintenance after the expiration of the one year warranty period. The equipment was installed June 1, 2006.

Lincoln County has provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated maintenance expenses. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board (Board) considered Lincoln County's request at its June 26, 2006, meeting. The Board recommended that the Commission approve payment of \$81,926.24 from the Fund, based upon their previous recommendation that the sixty percent (60%) of the costs of equipment used for both wireless and landline enhanced 911 receive funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund based on the assumption that on average, sixty percent (60%) of a Nebraska PSAP's call volume is attributable to enhanced wireless 911. The Board did not recommend that the Commission approve Lincoln County's request for maintenance costs.

Lincoln County provided a call volume report with its application for funding indicating that, during the previous six month period, an average of approximately fifty-five percent (55%) of its 911 calls are attributable to wireless.

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

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, and Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002.

Costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all 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.

The Commission finds that the amount of funding available should be based upon the percentage of actual average call volume for a PSAP that is attributable to wireless 911 calls. Based upon the request for funding and supporting documentation and taking into account the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the request for funding should be granted in the amount of \$75,099.06, which corresponds to the fact that approximately fifty five percent (55%) of the actual call volume that is attributable to wireless 911. With respect to Lincoln County's request for annual maintenance costs, the Commission finds that the request should be granted in the amount of **\$1,367.38** per month, fifty five percent (55%) of the requested amount.

The Commission will adjust funding for recurring costs, based upon updated call volume data filed with the Commission per orders entered in Docket No. 911-003/PI-65, requiring local exchange carriers to submit monthly metrics data reports to the Commission.

The Commission further finds that Lincoln County shall sign an acknowledgement indicating that Lincoln County is aware that approval of this funding request is made with the understanding that it may be modified in the future consistent with the permanent funding mechanism established pursuant to LB 1222 [2006].

The Fund shall pay to Lincoln County the amount of **\$75,099.06** in non-recurring costs and **\$1,367.38** per month in recurring costs. This amount represents the amount attributable to providing Phase I enhanced wireless 911 service.

#### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Lincoln County the amount of **\$75,099.06** in non-recurring costs and **\$1,367.38** per month in recurring costs consistent with the terms of this order for the equipment and maintenance necessary to provide Phase I enhanced wireless 911 service.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 18th day of July,  
2006

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director