

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Hall County,                    ) Application No. PSAP-005.1  
Grand Island, seeking approval                )  
of funding for recurring                        )  
and non-recurring costs of                    ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
implementation of enhanced                    ) REQUEST  
wireless 911.                                    )  
                                                  ) Entered: May 14, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received January 24, 2002, Hall County sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. That application was granted on April 2, 2002, in Application No. PSAP-005.

On May 2, 2002, the Commission received an application from Hall County for costs of monthly recurring and non-recurring costs to implement an additional wireless carrier, Airgate PCS. Enhanced wireless 911 service for Airgate PCS has not yet been implemented. Hall County seeks initial costs of \$1,700.00 and recurring costs of \$102.00. Initial costs are for database upgrades, trunking infrastructure and purchase, installation, and testing of circuits for enhanced wireless 911. Recurring costs are monthly fees for database management and for operation and maintenance of trunks and circuits.

Hall County entered into a service agreement with Qwest for enhanced wireless 911 equipment and services. A copy of the agreement is attached to the original request for funding. In the agreement, Hall County authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments for enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest.

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

This request for funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-2201 to 86-2214, 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, and Progression Order No. 4 in Commission Docket No. 911-001 entered April 23, 2002.

Costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-2210 (2001 Supp.). All costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance and operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

Hall County has submitted an implementation plan in compliance with Commission Docket No. 911-001.

Because Hall County authorized Qwest to receive all payments on its behalf for wireless enhanced 911, the Commission further finds that payment should be remitted to Qwest upon invoice. Only invoices that comport with the approved costs in this order will be paid. Recurring costs requested for partial months must be prorated.

Based upon the request for funding and supporting documentation, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the request for funding should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Hall County's request for funding should be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon invoice from Qwest, the Commission shall remit to Qwest, amounts that comport with this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 14th day of May, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director