

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Hall County, Grand Island, seeking funding approval for recurring and non-recurring costs of enhanced wireless 911 implementation.) Application No. PSAP-005.2
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) GRANTED
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) Entered: October 8, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received September 30, 2002, Hall County, Grand Island, seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Hall County has one public safety answering point (PSAP) which will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Hall County. The local exchange carrier serving Hall County's PSAP is Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Hall County was approved for funding for service from the following wireless carriers: Western Wireless, ALLTEL Cellular and Airgate PCS. The local exchange carrier serving Hall County's PSAP is Qwest Corporation (Qwest). By this application, Hall County seeks to add service from an additional wireless carrier, Nextel.

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 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.

Hall County seeks initial costs of \$2,579.90 and recurring costs of \$457.10 per month to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for each of the above-listed wireless carriers. 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.

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. (2001 Supp.), 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. § 86-2210 (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 a PSAP registration 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 finds that payment should be made 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 pro rated.

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. All costs of Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) surcharges and any legitimate government-imposed taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges should also be paid. The Commission further finds that Hall County should true-up its subscriber counts on a quarterly basis and that the Commission should adjust payments for non-recurring and recurring charges accordingly.

O R D E R

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

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any government-imposed taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges shall be paid.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Hall County provide to the Commission, updated subscriber counts on a quarterly basis, and that payments to Hall County shall be adjusted accordingly.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 8th day of October, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director