

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Merrick County ) Application No. PSAP-011.2  
PSAP, Central City, seeking )  
funding for recurring and non- ) GRANTED  
recurring costs of Wireless )  
E-911 implementation. )  
) Entered: October 18, 2005  
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BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received October 5, 2005, Merrick County seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. The Merrick County area is served by one public safety answering point (PSAP) located in Central City, Nebraska. Its PSAP will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Merrick County. The local exchange carrier serving Merrick County's PSAP is Qwest. Merrick County's PSAP is served by the following wireless carrier: Alltel, Airgate PCS, Western Wireless and Viaero Wireless.

Merrick 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, Merrick County authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments related to this order for enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest. Implementation occurred without prior approval of the Commission.

Merrick County seeks monthly recurring costs of \$31.17 per month and no non-recurring costs to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service from Viaero Wireless. 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. §§ 86-442 to 86-470 (2004 Cum. 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. § 86-465 (2004 Cum. 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. Although implementation occurred without prior

approval of the Commission, Merrick County has now complied with all requirements. Future deviations from the established procedure will be closely scrutinized and may jeopardize eligibility for funding.

Merrick County has submitted a PSAP registration in compliance with Commission Docket No. 911-001.

Because Merrick 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 the Commission should true-up its subscriber counts and provide wireless cell site information 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 the request for funding of Merrick County shall be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon invoice from Qwest, the Commission shall remit to Viaero 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.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 18th day of  
October, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director