

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Colfax County,) Application No. PSAP-015.1
seeking supplementary funding)
approval for recurring and non-) GRANTED
recurring costs associated with)
implementation of wireless E911.) Entered: October 28, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received June 3, 2003, Colfax County seeks additional funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Colfax County has one public safety answering point (PSAP) serving throughout Colfax County. The Commission entered an order June 5, 2002, providing funding for Colfax County to proceed with Phase I wireless enhanced 911.

Colfax County seeks initial costs of \$41,644.00 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. No recurring costs were requested.

A hearing was held in this matter on October 16, 2003, in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Stacen Gross of the consulting firm Geo Comm testified on behalf of Colfax County. Mr. Gross testified that Colfax County requested payment for the total costs of the upgrades, but that he understood that some investment from local government might be required because the upgrades will provide additional wireline capabilities.

Kara Thielen, Director of the Wireless E911 Department, testified on behalf of the Commission staff. Ms. Thielen testified that the upgrades that are the subject of this application would enable Colfax County to transfer wireless 911 calls across LATA (local access transport area) boundaries. Ms. Thielen testified that ability to transfer across LATA boundaries is immediately needed for Phase I. Ms. Thielen testified that the Wireless E911 Advisory Board recommended payment of this application in the amount of \$29,353.

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 86-469 (2002 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 (2002 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.

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

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation and evidence adduced at the hearing, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the request for funding should be granted in part, in the amount of \$29,353. 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 will pay the amount approved upon installment of the equipment to the satisfaction of the county. Colfax County must then submit a bill to the Commission, which must include a copy of Frontier's invoice to the county.

O R D E R

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon invoice from Colfax County, the Commission shall remit to Colfax County 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 28th day of
October, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director