

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Dawes County,            ) Application No. PSAP-023  
Chadron, seeking funding                    )  
approval for recurring and non-            ) GRANTED  
recurring costs associated with            )  
Wireless E911 implementation.            ) Entered: January 7, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received December 20, 2002, Dawes County seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Dawes County has one public safety answering point (PSAP), which will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Dawes County. The local exchange carrier serving Dawes County's PSAP is Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Dawes County's PSAP is served by ALLTEL Wireless.

Dawes 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, Dawes County authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments for enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest.

Dawes County seeks initial costs of \$3,459.80 and recurring costs of \$812.20 per month to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for the above-listed wireless carrier. 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.

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

Because Dawes 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 Dawes County should provide updated subscriber counts to the Commission 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 Dawes 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 Dawes County provide to the Commission updated subscriber counts on a quarterly basis, and that payments to Dawes County shall be adjusted accordingly.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 7th day of  
January, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director