

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Perkins County,     ) Application No. PSAP-032  
Grant, seeking funding approval     )  
for recurring and non-recurring     ) GRANTED  
costs associated with Wireless     )  
E911 implementation.                 ) Entered: January 13, 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received January 8, 2004, Perkins County, Grant, seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Perkins County has one public safety answering point (PSAP) located at the Perkins County Sheriff's Office, which will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Perkins County. The local exchange carrier serving Perkins County's PSAP is Qwest Corporation (Qwest.) Perkins County's PSAP is served by the following wireless carriers: Alltel.

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

Perkins County seeks initial costs of \$1,700.00 and recurring costs of \$102.00 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. §§ 86-442 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.

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

Because Perkins 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.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Perkins 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.

MADE AND ENTERED at Perkins, Nebraska this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director