

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.08
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public)
safety answering points for) ORDER AMENDING FUNDING
the implementation and)
provision of Enhanced Wireless)
911 service:)
City of Falls City.) Entered: May 7, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about July 14, 2017, the City of Falls City ("Falls City") public safety answering point ("PSAP"), which serves Richardson County, filed a request to use set aside funds to hire vendor GIS Workshop to develop geographic information system ("GIS") site/structure address point data for Richardson County at a cost of \$27,500.00, plus one year of maintenance in the amount of \$2,900.00, for a total cost of \$30,400.00. On January 30, 2018, the Public Service Commission ("Commission") entered an Order approving the requested use of set-aside funds, subject to meeting GIS standards adopted by the Commission on October 17, 2017.¹ Notwithstanding the issuance of such Order, the work to create the Richardson County address point layer was not undertaken by the vendor and not paid for by Falls City.

On or about March 13, 2019, the Falls City PSAP filed a subsequent request to use set aside funds to hire GeoComm to develop geographic information system ("GIS") site/structure address point data for Richardson County at a cost of \$17,289.00 representing a cost per address point of \$3.01.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the Falls City funding request at its April 17, 2019 meeting and recommended that the request be approved.

D I S C U S S I O N

Pursuant to the 911 Service system Act² (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the

¹ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: City of Falls City, Application Approving Funding (Jan. 30, 2019).

² Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").³ The Fund consists primarily of surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service customers.⁴ The Act provides that money in the fund may be used to pay for costs that are determined by the Public Service Commission ("Commission") to be eligible for funding, including costs incurred by PSAPs for acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and services required for the provision of 911 service.⁵ The funding mechanism adopted by the Commission permits PSAPs to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.⁶

On or about March 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission), on its own motion, opened Docket No. 911-042 to administer PSAP funding.⁷ On December 18, 2012, the Commission entered an Order determining that the development of GIS site/structure address point data is an eligible expense which may be paid entirely with wireless funds, including set aside funds.⁸

On October 17, 2017, the Commission issued an Order adopting a 911 GIS Data Policy⁹ which provides that GIS site/structure address point data must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for funding:

1. The Site/Structure Address Points layer is created alongside the creation or update of the related Street

³ Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

⁴ See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

⁵ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

⁶ *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service*, Application No. 911-019/PI-118, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (Feb. 23, 2010).

⁷ *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service*, Application No. 911-042, ORDER OPENING DOCKET (Mar. 30, 2010).

⁸ *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Douglas County*, Application No. 911-042.49, ORDER APPROVING REQUEST, IN PART (Dec. 18, 2012).

⁹ *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and review funding, standards and policies relating to Geographic Information Systems data necessary for the provision of Next Generation 911 service*, Application No. 911-061/PI-192, ORDER ADOPTING STANDARDS (Oct. 17, 2017).

Centerline Layer. This will insure accuracy and save time and money.

2. Each proposal submitted by a vendor for the creation or update of the Site/Structure Address Points layer must include a detailed breakdown of the cost per address point.

3. The Site/Structure Address Points layer must comply with the NITC 3-206 Address Standard.¹⁰

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Falls City is seeking authority to use set aside funds to hire vendor GeoComm to develop GIS site/structure address point data for Richardson County at a total cost of \$17,289.00, which equates to a cost per point of \$3.01. We note that this amount is significantly lower than the cost proposed by the prior vendor.

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission finds that the Falls City funding request dated March 13, 2019 should be approved and the Order previously issued in this docket on January 30, 2018 should be amended to provide for a cost not to exceed **\$17,289, provided, however,** that pursuant to the GIS Policy, payment shall not be made to the vendor until written confirmation by the Commission's GIS Specialist that the GIS site/structure address point data delivered by the vendor meets applicable NITC standards, including NITC 3-206 Address Standards.¹¹

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the use of set-aside funds by the Falls City PSAP previously approved on January 30, 2019, is hereby **AMENDED** as set forth herein, such that the vendor shall be GeoComm and the cost shall be in an amount not to exceed **\$17,289, provided, however,** that pursuant to the GIS Policy, payment shall not be made to the vendor until written confirmation by the Commission's GIS Specialist that the GIS site/structure address point data layer delivered by the vendor meets applicable NITC standards, including NITC 3-206 Address Standards.

¹⁰ Id., Appendix A.

¹¹ <http://nitc.ne.gov/standards/3-206.pdf>.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 7th day
of May, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Chair

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