

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.16
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public)
safety answering points for the) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Cheyenne County.) Entered: May 7, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about February 25, 2019, the Cheyenne County ("Cheyenne") public safety answering point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set-aside funds to purchase a Liebert 6 kilovolt-ampere uninterruptible power supply (UPS) from the City of Sidney electrical department at a total cost of \$10,810.60.

Such costs are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless/wireline ratio for Cheyenne County for the 2018-2019 funding year is 80%.

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

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Pursuant to the 911 Service system Act¹ (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").² The Fund consists primarily of surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service customers.³ 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.⁴

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

¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

² Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

³ See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

⁴ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

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software.⁵ PSAP costs for UPS systems are eligible for funding.⁶ The amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be \$8,648.48 when utilizing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Cheyenne County should be approved in an amount up to **\$8,648.48**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Cheyenne County is hereby approved in an amount up to **\$8,648.48**.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Cystal Swadlow
Paul Sauer
Don Williams
Jim Schwan

Mary Riddle
Chair

ATTEST:

Michael S. HJD
Executive Director

⁵ 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).

⁶ See, e.g., 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: Jefferson County, Application No. 911-042.30, ORDER APPROVING USE OF FUNDING (May 7, 2013).