

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.57
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public)
safety answering points for) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
the implementation and)
provision of Enhanced Wireless)
911 service:) Entered: May 7, 2019
City of Alliance.

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about March 28, 2019, the Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") operated by the City of Alliance ("Alliance") filed a request to use set aside funds for the purchase of a Computer Assisted Dispatch ("CAD") system from Zuercher Technologies, LLC ("Zuercher"). Although Alliance is purchasing an entire suite of equipment and software from Zuercher, only the CAD system is eligible for funding from the 911 Service System Fund pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism.¹

The purchase of the CAD system is subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless/wireline ratio for Alliance for the 2018-2019 funding year is 78%.

Based on the information provided with Alliance's funding request, the total amount of eligible costs for the CAD system is \$82,019.50. The amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be \$63,975.21 when utilizing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission. However, Alliance is requesting to use only \$45,000 of set-aside monies from the 911 Service System Fund toward the purchase of the CAD system.

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

¹ See 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 (February 23, 2010).

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Pursuant to the 911 Service system Act² (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 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 PSAP costs for CAD are eligible for funding pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.⁷ After application of the wireless/wireline ratio, the amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be in excess of the \$45,000 that Alliance has requested.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Alliance should be approved in an amount up to **\$45,000.00**.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for the City of Alliance PSAP is hereby approved in an amount up to **\$45,000.00**.

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

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 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: Seward County, Application No. 911-042.28, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (June 26, 2018).

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

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Crystal Swader
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Don Stephens
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NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mary Riddle
Chair

ATTEST:

Phillip Hyl
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