

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.47
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:)
Custer County.) Entered: May 21, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about March 6, 2019, the Custer County Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set aside funds for the purchase of a Computer Assisted Dispatch ("CAD") system from Justice Data Solutions, Inc. ("JDS"). Although Custer County is purchasing an entire suite of law enforcement software from JDS, only the CAD system is eligible for funding from the 911 Service System Fund pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism.¹ According to the information provided with Custer County's funding request, the eligible cost of the CAD system, data conversion, and mapping interface is \$27,000.00.

Custer County is also requesting to use set-aside funds to pay \$6,000.00 to GeoComm in order to interface Custer County's existing GeoLynx Server system with the JDS CAD system. In addition to one time charges, this amount includes \$1,000.00 for first year support and maintenance. The combined eligible cost of the JDS CAD system described above, plus the GeoComm GeoLynx Server interface is \$33,000.00.

The requested costs are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless/wireline ratio for Custer County for the 2018-2019 funding year is 86 percent.

The Enhanced Wireless 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).

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

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 PSAP costs for the purchase and maintenance of software, including GIS systems and data, are also eligible for funding.⁶

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.⁷ Set-aside funds may also be used to pay the first year of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements.⁸ However, set-aside funds may not be used to pay future years of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements. Any such future costs must be paid from a PSAP's annually allocated funds or other sources.⁹

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board,

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 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: Clay County*, Application No. 911-042.03, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (October 31, 2017).

⁷ *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).

⁸ 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: City of North Platte*, Application No. 911-042.18 ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (August 29, 2017).

⁹ 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: Dundy County*, Application No. 911-042.45, ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION (Dec. 4, 2018).

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the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the costs requested are eligible for funding as costs incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of 911 service.

The amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds is \$28,380.00 when utilizing the 86 percent wireless/wireline ratio of Custer County for the 2018-2019 funding year.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Custer County should be approved in an amount up to **\$28,380.00**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Custer County is hereby approved in an amount up to **\$28,380.00**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 21st day of May, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Chair

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