

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.70  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
administer funding for public ) ORDER AMENDING FUNDING  
safety answering points for the )  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
EDS 911 (Franklin County). ) Entered: August 6, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

EDS 911 operates a public safety answering point ("PSAP") which provides 911 service for the 308 area code section of Franklin County, including the communities of Hildreth, Franklin, Naponee and Bloomington. On December 18, 2018, the Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued an Amended Order approving the use of set-aside funds by EDS 911 to purchase new VIPER call handling equipment from CenturyLink Business. Among other things, the new equipment would enable EDS 911 to join the regional network of PSAPs known as the South Central Region

On or about July 16, 2019, EDS 911 filed a funding request seeking authorization to use \$9,854.00 of its set-aside funds to pay for necessary electrical upgrades to the PSAP in order to meet the power requirements of the new call handling equipment. The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its July 31, 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 Act<sup>1</sup> (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").<sup>2</sup> The Act provides that money in the fund may be used to pay for costs that the Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines are 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.<sup>3</sup> In addition,

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<sup>1</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

<sup>2</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

<sup>3</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

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eligible costs incurred by PSAPs to join a region may be fully paid from monies in the 911 Service System Fund.<sup>4</sup>

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the costs requested are eligible under NEB. REV. STAT. § 86 1025(c) as costs that have been incurred or will be incurred for the acquisition of new equipment and related maintenance costs and license fees, and/or the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications service required for the provision of 911 service.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that the request to use set-aside funds by Jefferson County should be approved in the amount of up to \$9,854.00.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the use of set-aside funds from EDS 911 is hereby approved in an amount not to exceed \$9,854.00.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Crystal Linder*  
*Don Williams*  
*Jim Schram*

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Mary Riddle*  
Chair

ATTEST:

*Michael H. Q.*  
Executive Director

<sup>4</sup> 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: Chase County, Application No. 911-042.50, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (October 16, 2018).