

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.55
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:)
Howard County) Entered: August 27, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 9, 2018, the Howard County ("Howard") public safety answering point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set aside funds to purchase call handling equipment, including one year of support and maintenance and connectivity, from CenturyLink Business in order to join the regional network of PSAPs known as the South Central Region. On October 23, 2018, the Public Service Commission ("Commission") approved Howard County's application and entered an Order approving the use of set-aside funding in an amount not to exceed \$76,776.88.¹

On July 3, 2019, Howard County requested that the Commission amend October 23, 2018 Order to permit the County to use set-aside funds to pay additional first year connectivity costs to CenturyLink and Frontier in an amount equal to \$6,684.21, increasing the total amount requested to \$83,461.09.

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

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: Howard County, Application No. 911-042.55 (Oct. 23, 2018).*

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.

of telecommunications equipment and services required for the provision of 911 service.⁵

Pursuant to Order adopted by the Commission on October 16, 2018, eligible costs incurred by PSAPs to join a region may be fully paid from monies in the 911 Service System Fund, including set aside funds, without applying the wireless/wireline ratio.⁶

Based on the amended request for funding and supporting documentation, 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 Order dated October 23, 2018 permitting Howard to use set-aside funds should be amended to reflect an increase in funding for first year connectivity costs in the amount of **\$6,684.21**, resulting in a total amount of **\$83,461.09**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission the Order dated October 23, 2018 permitting the use of set-aside funds by Howard is hereby amended as set forth herein from an amount not to exceed \$76,776.88, to an amount not to exceed **\$83,461.09**.


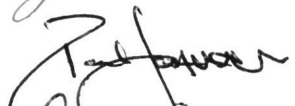


⁵ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

⁶ *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).*

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 27th day
of August, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chair

ATTEST:


Deputy Director

