

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.19  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
administer funding for public ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
safety answering points for the )  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
Saline County. ) Entered: September 17, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about July 18, 2019, the Saline County Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") filed a request to use wireless set-aside funds to connect its geographic information system ("GIS") to a multi-county computer aided dispatch ("CAD") system hosted by the Seward County PSAP.<sup>1</sup> In order to accomplish this, GeoComm will uninstall Saline County's existing GeoLynx Server Dispatch licenses<sup>2</sup> that are currently deployed on Jefferson County's GeoLynx Server system and reinstall them on the Seward County GeoLynx Server at a cost of \$3,020.00

The costs stated above are shared costs which are subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless ratio for Saline County for the 2019-2020 funding year is 86% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered Saline County's 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>3</sup> (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").<sup>4</sup> The Fund consists primarily of surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service

---

<sup>1</sup> See, *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).

<sup>2</sup> See, *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: Saline County, Application No. 911-042.28, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING* (June 26, 2018).

<sup>3</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

<sup>4</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

customers.<sup>5</sup> 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 the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and services required for the provision of 911 service.<sup>6</sup> PSAP costs incurred for GIS and CAD are generally eligible for funding.<sup>7</sup>

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.<sup>8</sup> Set aside funds may also be used to pay the first year of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements.<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</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 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. After applying the wireless/wireline ratio of 86

<sup>5</sup> See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

<sup>6</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

<sup>7</sup> 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: Saunders County*, Application No. 911-042.71 ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (July 11, 2019) ; *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: Otoe County*, Application No. 911-042.61, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (Oct. 31, 2019).

<sup>8</sup> *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).

<sup>9</sup> 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).

<sup>10</sup> 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).

Application No. 911-042.19

Page 3

percent applicable to Saline County, the amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be up to \$2,597.00.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Saline County should be approved in the amount of up to **\$2,597.00**.

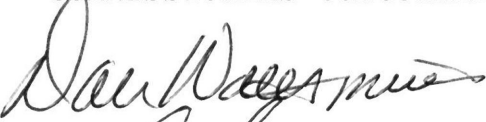

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Saline County is hereby approved in the amount of up to **\$2,597.00**.

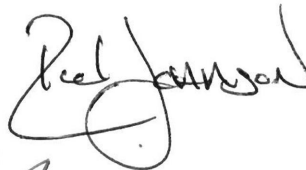
ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair



ATTEST:

  
Executive Director