

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.50
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public)
safety answering points for the) ORDER AMENDING FUNDING
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Chase County) Entered: September 17, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about July 9, 2018, the Chase County Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") filed a request with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") to use enhanced wireless 911 set-aside funds to purchase new call-handling equipment, software and connectivity services for the purpose of joining the South Central Region of PSAPs. The Commission considered and approved the use of set-aside funds in the amount of \$82,878.63 via an Order dated October 16, 2018.¹

On or about May 20, 2019, Chase County filed a request with the Commission to use an additional \$14,117.61 of set-aside funds to pay for more items needed to join the South Central Region, consisting of mapping software from GeoComm, a server from E-Logic and electrical upgrades to the PSAP necessary to meet the power requirements of the new equipment. According to documentation provided with the request, these additional costs were unknown to Chase County at the time of the October 16, 2018 Order.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its July 31, 2019, meeting and recommended approval of the additional funding.

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

¹ 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: Chase County, Application No. 911-0.42.50, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING* (October 16, 2018).

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

³ Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

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 the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and services required for the provision of 911 service.⁵

Pursuant to the October 16, 2018 Order referenced above, 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.

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(5)(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 16, 2018 granting Chase County's request to use set-aside funds should be amended to authorize the expenditure of an additional \$14,117.61, resulting in a total approved expenditure of up to **\$96,996.24**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission the Order dated October 16, 2018 permitting the use of set-aside funds by Chase County is hereby amended as set forth herein from an amount not to exceed \$82,878.63 to an amount not to exceed **\$96,996.24**.

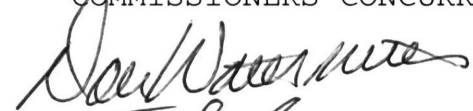

⁴ See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

⁵ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

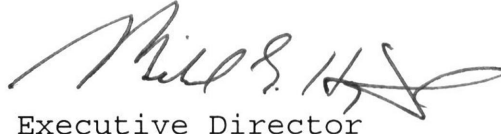
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair



ATTEST:



Executive Director