

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.56
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:)
York County.) Entered: September 17, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 5, 2019, the Public Service Commission ("Commission") entered an Order approving the use of \$104,929.58 of wireless set-aside funds by the York County Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") for the purchase of a Computer Assisted Dispatch ("CAD") system and Geographic Information System ("GIS") upgrades.¹

On or about July 22, 2019, York County filed a request with the Commission to use more set-aside funds for the above-referenced purposes, due to an increase of \$1,643.00 in "project management costs" payable to GeoComm. 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 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 The Commission has previously determined that costs incurred by

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: York County, Application No. 911-042.56, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (Mar. 5, 2019).

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).

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PSAPs to hire consultants to provide technical and operational expertise are eligible for funding.⁶

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 requested additional \$1,643.00 of project management costs are eligible for funding. Such costs are shared costs which are subject to the wireless/wireline ratio for York County, which was 78 percent wireless at the time of the March 5, 2019 Order referenced above.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds the March 5, 2019 Order granting York County's request to use set-aside funds should be amended to authorize the expenditure of an additional \$1,281.54, resulting in a total approved expenditure of up to \$106,211.12.

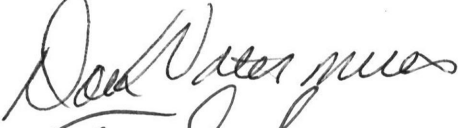
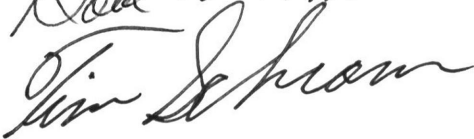
O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Order dated March 5, 2019, approving the use of up to set-aside funds by York County is hereby amended from an amount to not exceed \$104,929.58, to an amount not to exceed \$106,211.12, an increase of \$1,281.54.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

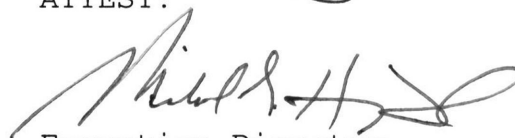
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair



ATTEST:


Executive Director

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: Nemaha County, Application No. 911-042.01 ORDER APPROVING THE USE OF SET ASIDE FUNDS (June 24, 2014).