

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.14
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public)
safety answering points for the) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
City of Holdrege.) Entered: November 13, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about August 27, 2019, the City of Holdrege ("Holdrege") public safety answering point ("PSAP"), which serves Harlan and Phelps Counties, filed a request to use set-aside funds to purchase a new back-up battery for the uninterruptible power supply ("UPS") that supports the PSAP's GIS mapping system, at a total cost of \$557.46.

On or about September 30, 2019, the Holdrege PSAP filed a request to use set-aside funds to purchase a new computer monitor ("Monitor") for the PSAP's GIS mapping system at a total cost of \$413.92.

The vendor for both the UPS battery and the Monitor was Platte Valley Communication of Kearney, Nebraska. These two funding requests have been combined for purposes of this Order. The total cost of the two items sought in the combined requests is \$971.38.

Such costs are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless/wireline ratio for City of Holdrege for the 2019-2020 funding year is 70 percent. Therefore, the maximum amount of set-aside funds that the City of Holdrege can apply to this request is 70% of \$971.38, which is \$679.97.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the funding requests at its October 21, 2019, meeting and recommended the combined requests 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 Act¹ (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the

¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").² The Fund consists primarily of surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service customers.³ 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.⁴

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.⁵ PSAP costs for UPS systems are eligible for funding,⁶ as is computer equipment.⁷ As stated above, the amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be \$679.97 when utilizing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

Based on the 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 use of set-aside funding by City of Holdrege should be approved in an amount up to **\$679.97**.

² Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

³ See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

⁴ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

⁵ *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).

⁶ 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: Jefferson County*, Application No. 911-042.30, ORDER APPROVING USE OF FUNDING (May 7, 2013).

⁷ 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: Furnas County*, Application No. 911-042.42, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (Jan. 8, 2019).

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for City of Holdrege is hereby approved in an amount up to \$679.97.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 13th day of November, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Crystal Knowles
Paul Anderson
Don Williams
Jim Schrom

Mary Reddi
Chair

ATTEST:

Michael S. H. S.
Executive Director