

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.67
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: Pierce County) Entered: January 7, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-mentioned docket, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points ("PSAPs") for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism.¹

On or about October 25, 2019, the Pierce County ("Pierce") public safety answering point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set-aside funds to purchase a new computer server to operate their GeoComm dispatch mapping software. The total cost of the upgrade is \$8,642.

The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The Pierce wireless/wireline ratio for the 2019-2020 funding year is 85% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the Pierce request at its December 18, 2019, meeting and recommended that 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 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

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, Application No. 911-042, ORDER OPENING DOCKET (March 30, 2010).

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.

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 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.⁶

Based upon the request, 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 have been incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.⁷

PSAP costs for upgrading dispatch mapping software are eligible for funding.⁸ As stated above, the amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be \$7,345.70 when utilizing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Pierce County should be approved in an amount up to **\$7,345.70**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the use of set-aside funds by Pierce is hereby approved as set forth herein in an amount not to exceed **\$7,345.70**.

⁵ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

⁶ *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).

⁷ NEB. REV. STAT. § 86-465.

⁸ 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: Morrill County*, Application No. 911-042.37, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (September 10, 2019).

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 7th day
of January, 2020.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:







NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director

