

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.34
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public)
safety answering points for) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
the implementation and)
provision of Enhanced Wireless)
911 service: Polk County) Entered: February 25, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about January 16, 2020, the Polk County public safety answering point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set-aside funds to hire GeoComm to develop geographic information system ("GIS") site/structure address point data for Polk County.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the Polk County funding request at its February 12, 2020 meeting and recommended that the request be approved.

D I S C U S S I O N

Pursuant to the 911 Service System Act¹ (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 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

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

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*

On or about March 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission), on its own motion, opened Docket No. 911-042 to administer PSAP funding.⁶ On December 18, 2012, the Commission entered an Order determining that the development of GIS site/structure address point data is an eligible expense which may be paid entirely with wireless funds, including set aside funds.⁷

On October 17, 2017, the Commission issued an Order adopting a 911 GIS Data Policy⁸ which provides that GIS site/structure address point data must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for funding:

1. The Site/Structure Address Points layer is created alongside the creation or update of the related Street Centerline Layer. This will insure accuracy and save time and money.
2. Each proposal submitted by a vendor for the creation or update of the Site/Structure Address Points layer must include a detailed breakdown of the cost per address point.
3. The Site/Structure Address Points layer must comply with the NITC 3-206 Address Standard.⁹

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Polk County is seeking authority to use set-aside funds to hire vendor GeoComm to develop GIS site/structure address point

funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service, Application No. 911-019/PI-118, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (Feb. 23, 2010).

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

⁷ *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: Douglas County, Application No. 911-042.49, ORDER APPROVING REQUEST, IN PART (Dec. 18, 2012).*

⁸ *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and review funding, standards and policies relating to Geographic Information Systems data necessary for the provision of Next Generation 911 service, Application No. 911-061/PI-192, ORDER ADOPTING STANDARDS (Oct. 17, 2017).*

⁹ *Id.*, Appendix A.

data for Polk County at a total cost of \$15,843.00, which equates to a cost per point of \$4.95.

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 pursuant to the Act as costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and services required for the provision of 911 service.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that the Polk County funding request should be approved in an amount not to exceed **\$15,843.00, provided, however,** that pursuant to the GIS Policy, payment shall not be made to the vendor until written confirmation by the Commission's GIS Specialist that the GIS site/structure address point data delivered by the vendor meets applicable NITC standards, including NITC 3-206 Address Standards.¹⁰

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for Polk County is hereby approved in an amount not to exceed **\$15,843.00, provided, however,** that pursuant to the GIS Policy, payment shall not be made to the vendor until written confirmation by the Commission's GIS Specialist that the GIS site/structure address point data layer delivered by the vendor meets applicable NITC standards, including NITC 3-206 Address Standards.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 25th day of February, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director

¹⁰ <http://nitc.nebraska.gov/standards/3-206.pdf>.