

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.03
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) Entered: November 17, 2020
911 service: Clay County.

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about October 9, 2020, the Clay County Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set aside funds for the purchase of a Computer Assisted Dispatch ("CAD") system, geographic information system ("GIS") software and computer equipment.

Clay County proposes to purchase a CAD system from Justice Data Solutions, Inc. According to the information provided with Clay County's funding request, the cost of the CAD system is \$20,000, which amount includes \$5,000.00 for an interface with the county's GeoComm mapping system, and first year maintenance of \$1,500.00.

Clay County is also requesting to use set-aside funds to purchase Dispatch Map GIS software from GeoComm and related computer equipment from Precision IT in Norfolk, Nebraska. The total eligible cost documented in the request for the Dispatch Map software, including the first year of a multi-year licensing agreement, is \$14,466.00. The documented cost of the computer equipment is \$9,046.00.

Finally, Clay County is requesting the use of set-aside funds to hire GeoComm to develop county-wide geographic information system ("GIS") site/structure address point data, at a cost of \$16,544.00.¹

The combined cost of the CAD system, Dispatch Map software and computer equipment is \$43,512.00, and is subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The Clay County ratio for the 2020-2021 funding year is 73 percent. Therefore, the allowable cost for the

¹ According to documentation provided with the funding request, this equates to \$4.47 per address point.

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CAD system, Dispatch Map software and computer equipment is \$31,763.76.

The cost of developing GIS site/structure address point data is not subject to the wireless/wireline ratio and is payable entirely with wireless funds, including set-aside funds.² Therefore, the total amount of wireless set-aside funds available to be used by Clay County in connection with this funding request is \$48,307.76.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at a meeting held on October 21, 2020 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 Act³ (the "Act"), the Public Service Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").⁴ The Fund consists of 911 surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service customers.⁵ The Act provides that money in the fund may be used to pay for costs that are determined by the 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.⁶

PSAPs may set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.⁷ Set-aside funds may also be used to pay the first year

² *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).

³ Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

⁴ Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

⁵ See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

⁶ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

⁷ *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).

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of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements.⁸ However, set-aside funds may not be used to pay future years of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements. Any such future costs must be paid from a PSAP's annually allocated funds or other sources.⁹

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.¹⁰ The 911 GIS Data Policy¹¹ 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 ensure 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.¹²

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 as costs incurred for the purchase,

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: City of North Platte*, Application No. 911-042.18 ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (August 29, 2017).

⁹ 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: Dundy County*, Application No. 911-042.45, ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION (Dec. 4, 2018).

¹⁰ *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).

¹¹ *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).

¹² *Id.*, Appendix A.

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installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of 911 service. Therefore, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Clay County should be approved in an amount up to **\$48,307.76**.




O R D E R


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Clay County is hereby approved in an amount up to **\$48,307.76, provided, however,** that pursuant to the 911 GIS Data Policy, payment for the development of the site/structure address point layer 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 the NITC 3-206 Address Standards.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 17th day of November, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chair

ATTEST:


Deputy Director