

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska     ) Application No. 911-042.02  
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: December 8, 2020  
911 service: Dodge County

BY THE COMMISSION:

The public safety answering points ("PSAPs") located in Dodge, Burt, Colfax and Cuming Counties are forming a new regional PSAP network, to be known as MidEast Regional 911. On or about September 2, 2020, the Dodge County PSAP filed a request to use \$2,047.00 of set-aside funds to purchase GIS data aggregation and edge matching services from GeoComm for the purpose of integrating Dodge County's GIS data with the rest of the new Region's GIS data.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered the funding request at its October 21, 2020 meeting and recommended that the requested funding 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 Act<sup>1</sup> (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").<sup>2</sup> 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 the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and services required for the provision of 911 service.<sup>3</sup>

PSAPs are permitted to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.<sup>4</sup> The cost of GIS data services is an

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<sup>1</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

<sup>2</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

<sup>3</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

<sup>4</sup> *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-

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eligible use of set-aside funds.<sup>5</sup> In addition, PSAP expenses that are incurred in order to join a regional network of PSAPs are not subject to the wireless/wireline ratio and may be fully paid using set-aside funds.<sup>6</sup>

Based upon the requests 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 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.<sup>7</sup> Moreover, the funding requested by Dodge County is for the purpose of joining MidEast Regional 911 and, therefore, eligible to be paid entirely from set aside funds without applying the wireless/wireline ratio.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Dodge County should be approved in an amount not to exceed **\$2,047.00**.

### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the use of set-aside fund by Dodge County is hereby approved in an amount not to exceed **\$2,047.00**.

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019/PI-118, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (Feb. 23, 2010).

<sup>5</sup> 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: Clay County Application No. 911-042.03, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (October 31, 2017).

<sup>6</sup> 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: Hitchcock County, Application No. 911-042.17 ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (May 14, 2019).

<sup>7</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5) (c).

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director