

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.43
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:) Entered: December 8, 2020
Cedar County)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about October 6, 2020, the Cedar County public safety answering point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set-aside funds to expand from two call-taking positions to three call-taking positions. The items to be purchased are Emergency Callworks call handling equipment from Motorola Solutions, at a cost for \$9,268.32, (including \$537.00 for an extended warranty for years two through five), Insight Dispatch software from CentralSquare at a cost of \$7,020.00, and computer equipment from DellEMC, at a cost of \$320.00.

The total cost of the foregoing items is \$16,608.67; however, this includes \$537.00 for extended warranty coverage, which is not eligible to be purchased with set-aside funds. Set aside funds may be used to pay for only the first year of multi-year maintenance, service, extended warranty, support or licensing agreements.¹ Thereafter, the cost of such agreements must be paid from sources other than set-aside funds, such as a PSAP's annual funding allocation.² As a result, the total cost available for funding using set-aside funds is \$16,071.67.

Such costs are also shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless/wireline ratio for Cedar County for the 2020-2021 funding year is 76 percent. Therefore, the maximum amount of set-aside funds that Cedar County may apply

¹ 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).

² 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: Boone County*, Application No. 911-042.44, ORDER OPENING DOCKET (Jan. 8, 2019).

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to the cost of the items to be purchased is 76 percent of \$16,071.67, which is \$12,214.47.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its October 21, 2020, meeting and recommended 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 Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").⁴ The Fund consists primarily of 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 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.⁶

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.⁷ A PSAP's use of set aside funds is subject to the wireless/wireline ratio, and the limitations stated above with respect to future years of multi-year maintenance, service, extended warranty, support or licensing agreements.

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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Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Cedar County should be approved in an amount not to exceed **\$12,214.47**.

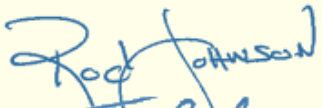
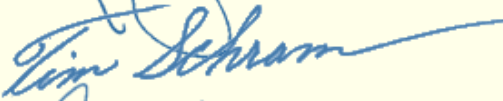

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Cedar County is hereby approved in an amount up to **\$12,214.47**.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director