

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.56
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
York County)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-referenced docket on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points ("PSAPs").¹

On or about October 5, 2020, the York County PSAP filed a request to use set-aside funds for the purchase of an LD2409 24-channel analog card from Northland Business Systems for their logging recorder at a total cost of \$2,773.00.

Loggers are an eligible use of 911 funds.² However, 911 funds may only be used to pay the 911 portion of the cost for equipment that is used multiple purposes.³ York County reports that approximately twenty-six percent (26%) of the equipment's use will be devoted to 911 purposes. Therefore, the portion of the purchase price that corresponds to 911 usage is 26 percent of \$2,773.00 which is \$720.98.

The cost of a logger is also a shared cost that is subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless/wireline ratio for York County for the 2020-2021 funding year is 82 percent wireless. Therefore, the portion of the purchase price that is eligible for

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 *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).

³ *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: Saline County*, Application No. 911-042.19, ORDER APPROVING USE OF FUNDING, IN PART (May 7, 2013).

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funding using the York County's wireless 911 set-aside funds is 82 percent of \$720.98, which is \$591.20.

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 Act⁴ (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").⁵ The Fund consists primarily of surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service customers.⁶ 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.⁷

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.⁸ Set aside funds may also be used to pay the first year of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements.⁹ 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.¹⁰

⁴ Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

⁵ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5).

⁶ See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

⁷ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

⁸ *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).

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

¹⁰ 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*

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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, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of 911 service.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funds by York County should be approved in an amount not to exceed **\$591.20**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for York County is hereby approved in an amount not to exceed **\$591.20**.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:






Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director