

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.70
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
Franklin County

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about October 7, 2020, the Franklin County ("Franklin") public safety answering point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set-aside funds to purchase a Generac 10-kilowatt power generator from Ron Meyer for the exclusive use of the Franklin PSAP. The total cost of the generator is \$9,850.00, including installation.

Such costs are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless/wireline ratio for Franklin County for the 2020-2021 funding year is 69%. Therefore, the maximum amount of set-aside funds that Franklin County may apply to the cost of the generator is \$6,796.50.

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 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,

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.

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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 PSAP costs for power systems are eligible for funding.⁶

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Franklin County should be approved in an amount not to exceed **\$6,796.50**.

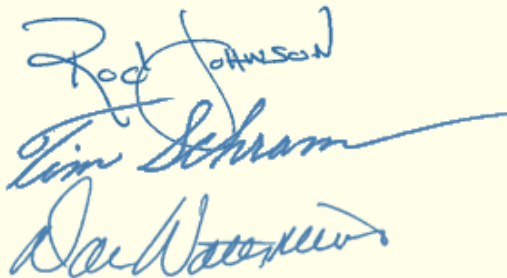
O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Franklin County is hereby approved in an amount up to **\$6,796.50**.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



Chair

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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

⁶ *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: Jefferson County*, Application No. 911-042.30, ORDER APPROVING USE OF FUNDING (May 7, 2013).