

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-060.16  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
investigate and determine )  
whether additional funds from ) ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION  
the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund )  
should be made available to )  
public safety answering points )  
for costs to implement text to ) Entered: December 8, 2020  
911 solutions: Cheyenne County )

### BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about October 9, 2020, the public safety answering point (PSAP) serving Cheyenne County (Cheyenne) submitted a funding request seeking reimbursement for text to 911 costs incurred in connection with joining the South Central/Panhandle Region.<sup>1</sup> The funding request lists \$1,373.63 of non-recurring costs and annual recurring costs of \$1,500.00.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered the Cheyenne PSAP's funding request at its October 21, 2020 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve the funding request.

### O P I N I O N S   A N D   F I N D I N G S

According to Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-1025(5)(c), costs incurred by PSAPs 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 may be eligible for funding from the 911 Service System Fund, according to standards and criteria established by the Commission.

On May 6, 2014, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) entered an order on its own motion seeking to investigate and determine whether enhanced wireless 911 surcharge

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<sup>1</sup> See, *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: Cheyenne County*, App. No. 911-042.42.16, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (May 7, 2019).

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funds should be made available to public safety answering points (PSAPs) to pay the cost of implementing text to 911 solutions.

On November 4, 2014, the Commission entered an Order in this docket, determining that PSAP funding for text to 911 costs would be paid outside the cost model on an interim basis.<sup>2</sup> On November 19, 2018, the Commission issued a further Order in this docket, concluding that PSAP funding for text-to-911 costs should be continued indefinitely.<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to the Orders referenced above, the Commission may approve funding requests for technology solutions and other costs of providing text to 911 services. Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds the funding request submitted by the Cheyenne PSAP contains eligible costs under the above-referenced Orders, and that funding should be approved in an amount not to exceed \$1,3732.63 of non-recurring costs plus annual recurring costs of \$1,500.00.

### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding request for text to 911 costs submitted by Cheyenne County be, and is hereby, approved in an amount not to exceed \$1,373.63 of non-recurring costs plus annual recurring costs of \$1,500.00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Cheyenne County submit documentation to justify all expenditures for payment or reimbursement for such amounts from the 911 Service System Fund.

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<sup>2</sup> *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions*, App. No. 911-060/PI-191, PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 3 (Nov. 4, 2014).

<sup>3</sup> *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions*, App. No. 911-060/PI-191, PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 4 (Nov. 19, 2018).

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director