

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.17
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 15, 2020
Hitchcock County

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about September 17, 2020, the Hitchcock County ("Hitchcock") Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) filed a request with the Public Service Commission ("Commission") to use enhanced wireless 911 set-aside funds to pay for Hitchcock's cost of joining the aggregated regional Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data hub operated by GeoComm in the South Central/Panhandle Region (the "Data Hub"),¹. Hitchcock is seeking authorization to pay GeoComm a total of \$1,836.00, representing a one-time configuration charge of \$841.00, plus \$995.00 for the first year of service. Hitchcock will be incurring these costs in order to join the South Central/Panhandle Region.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the Hitchcock 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

The Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") adopted the current method of providing funding to PSAPs for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118 on February 23, 2010.² PSAPs are permitted to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for the future purchase of equipment and

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: Buffalo County*, Application No. 911-042.10, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (June 12, 2018).

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 (February 23, 2010).

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software.³ Set aside funds may also be used to pay the first year of multi-year maintenance, support, service or license agreements.⁴ Also, up to 100 percent of eligible costs, including GIS costs, incurred by a PSAP to join a region may be paid from set aside funds, without applying the wireless/wireline ratio.⁵

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission finds that the costs requested are eligible to be paid from Hitchcock's set-aside funds, without applying the wireless/wireline ratio. Therefore, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Hitchcock should be approved in an amount up to **\$1,836.00**.

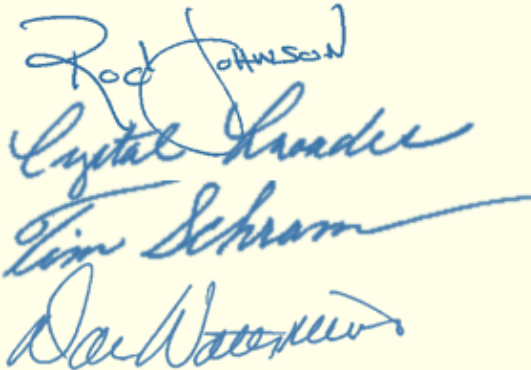
O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Hitchcock County is hereby approved as set forth herein in the amount of up to **\$1,836.00**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 15th day of December, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:




Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director

³ Id.

⁴ 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).

⁵ *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: Chase County*, Application No. 911-042.50, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (October 16, 2018).