

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.22
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER AMENDING FUNDING
safety answering points for the)
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:) Entered: January 12, 2021
City of Columbus)

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On or about March 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-mentioned docket, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service.

On March 12, 2020, the City of Columbus Public Safety Answering Point ("Columbus") filed an application for annual 911 funding with the Commission. On May 5, 2020, the Commission approved an annual allocation of 911 funding for Columbus in the amount of \$81,394.36 for the 2020-2021 funding year.¹

On December 29, 2020, the Polk County Public Safety Answering Point ("Polk County") informed the Commission that it had ceased answering 911 calls and consolidated its 911 services with Columbus, effective December 28, 2020. As a result, Columbus now answers and dispatches all 911 calls for Polk County, and has done so since December 28, 2020.

As of December 28, 2020, Polk County had \$21,564.60 of its 2020-2021 wireless allotment remaining. Because Polk County no longer has an operating public safety answering point ("PSAP"), the remaining Polk County funding allotment for the 2020-2021 funding year should be transferred to Columbus and added to the annual funding allocation for Columbus.² In addition, Columbus should receive any remaining wireless 911 funds, including any

¹ *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*, App. 911-019/PI-119 Order Authorizing Payments (May 5, 2020).

² *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: Merrick County*, App. No. 911-042.13, ORDER TO CEASE FUNDING (October 16, 2018).

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set-aside funds, held by Polk County after making any adjustments that may be required based on the completion of a final audit of the Polk County accounts.

Based on the above, the Commission finds that Polk County's remaining annual funding allotment for the 2020-2021 funding year in the amount of \$21,564.60 shall be transferred to Columbus and added to Columbus's annual funding allotment for the 2020-2021 funding year. The annual funding previously approved for Columbus is hereby amended to \$102,958.96. Taking into account the monthly payments already made to Columbus for the 2020-2021 funding year, the remaining balance of \$58,562.05 will be paid in monthly installments of \$11,712.41.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding amount previously approved for Columbus is hereby amended to \$102,958.96 and paid as set forth above.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 12th day of January, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rod Johnson
Crystal Shroeder
Mary Kidden
Tim Schram

Don W. Johnson
Chair

ATTEST:

Michael S. Hyatt
Executive Director