

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska     ) Application No. 911-042.24  
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: February 2, 2021  
Fillmore County.                     )

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about October 21, 2020, the Fillmore County Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set-aside funds to pay Windstream to upgrade the operating system used in the PSAP computers from Windows 7 to Windows 10 at a cost of \$1,572.94.

The \$1,572.94 cost of the software upgrade is subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The Fillmore County ratio for the 2020-2021 funding year is 58 percent. Therefore, the maximum amount of set-aside funds that may be used for these purchases is \$912.31.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Fillmore County's funding request at a meeting held on January 20, 2021 and recommended that 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 Act<sup>1</sup> (the "Act"), the Public Service Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").<sup>2</sup> The Fund consists of 911 surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service customers.<sup>3</sup> The Act provides that money in the fund may be used to pay for costs that are determined by the 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.<sup>4</sup> PSAPs may set aside up to seventy-five

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<sup>1</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

<sup>2</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

<sup>4</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5) (c).

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percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.<sup>5</sup>

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. Therefore, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Fillmore County should be approved in an amount not to exceed **\$912.31**.





### O R D E R


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Fillmore County is hereby approved in an amount up to **\$912.31**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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<sup>5</sup> 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).