

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.25  
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: March 16, 2021  
Keith County )

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 this docket on its own motion<sup>1</sup> to administer funding for public safety answering points (PSAPs) to implement and provide Enhanced Wireless 911 Service pursuant to the funding mechanism approved under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118 on February 23, 2010.<sup>2</sup>

On May 5, 2020, the Commission entered an order allocating wireless 911 surcharge funding to Keith County in the amount of \$63,402 for the 2020-2021 funding year.<sup>3</sup> Such funding is provided in eleven equal monthly payments of \$5,764, from July through May. The amount of funding allocated to Keith County under the funding mechanism was based in part on the fact that its PSAP provided 911 service to other counties in addition to Keith County, including Perkins County and Deuel County.

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<sup>1</sup> *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, App. No. 911-042, ORDER OPENING DOCKET (Mar. 30, 2020).*

<sup>2</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, App. No. 911-019/PI-118, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (Feb. 23, 2010).*

<sup>3</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, App. No. 911-019/PI-118, ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS (May 5, 2020). Amounts herein are rounded to the nearest dollar.*

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### Perkins County

Until October 1, 2015, the Commission provided wireless 911 funding to a PSAP located in and serving Perkins County.<sup>4</sup> At that time, Perkins County closed its PSAP and consolidated 911 services with Keith County. On October 27, 2015, the Commission entered an Order ceasing wireless 911 funding to Perkins County and transferring the net amount of Perkins County's remaining funding allocation for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and any Perkins County set-aside fund balance to Keith County.<sup>5</sup>

On or about June 29, 2020, Perkins County filed an application with the Commission to resume wireless 911 funding for a new PSAP located in and serving Perkins County. The actual cut over of 911 trunk lines to the Perkins County PSAP occurred on or about December 17, 2020.<sup>6</sup> After a public hearing, the Commission granted the Perkins County funding application via an Order issued March 16, 2021.<sup>7</sup>

In 2015, it was appropriate to increase wireless 911 funding to the Keith County PSAP for the remainder of the 2015/2016 funding year to reflect the addition of service to Perkins County. Similarly, because the Keith County PSAP no longer provides 911 service to Perkins County, it is appropriate to reduce wireless

911 funding to Keith County for the remainder of the 2020/2021 funding year. Based on the current funding model, Commission staff has calculated that the pro rata reduction in wireless 911 funding to Keith County with respect to the cessation of service to Perkins County is \$382.00 for each the remaining payments in the current funding year.

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<sup>4</sup> 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: Perkins County*, Application No. 911-042.23, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (June 29, 2010); *In the Matter of Perkins County, Grant, seeking funding approval for recurring and non-recurring costs associated with Wireless E911 implementation*, App. No. PSAP-032, GRANTED (Jan. 13, 2004).

<sup>5</sup> *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: Perkins County*, App. No. 911-042.23, ORDER TO CEASE FUNDING (October 27, 2015).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> *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: Perkins County*, App. No. 911-042.23, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (March 16, 2021).

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## Deuel County

In the process of evaluating the appropriate funding adjustment to be made to Keith County because of the cessation of 911 service to Perkins County, it has also come to the Commission's attention that Keith County no longer provides 911 service to Deuel County. Instead, 911 service to Deuel County is now provided by the Cheyenne County PSAP.<sup>8</sup>

Because the Keith County PSAP no longer provides 911 service to Deuel County, it is appropriate to reduce wireless 911 funding to Keith County for the remainder of the 2020/2021 funding year. Based on the current funding model, Commission staff has calculated that the pro rata reduction in wireless 911 funding to Keith County with respect to the cessation of service to Deuel County is \$222.00 for each the remaining payments in the current funding year.

The combined amount of the wireless 911 funding reduction for Keith County for each of the remaining payments in the current funding year with respect to both Perkins County and Deuel County is \$604.00. Therefore, each of the remaining payments of wireless 911 funding allocated to Keith County for the 2020-2021 funding year should be reduced by \$604.00, from \$5,764.00 to \$5,160.00.

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<sup>8</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. 911-042.16, ORDER AMENDING FUNDING (Mar. 16, 2021).

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the remaining payments of wireless 911 funding allocated to Keith County for the 2020-2021 funding year are hereby reduced from \$5,764.00 to \$5,160.00.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Rod Johnson*  
*Crystal Broadus*  
*Mary Keddin*  
*Tom Schram*

*Don Woodruff*

Chair

ATTEST:

*Michael S. Hyl*

Executive Director