

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, ) Application No. 911-060.29  
on its own motion, seeking to )  
investigate and determine whether )  
additional funds from the )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should ) ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION  
be made available to public )  
safety answering points for costs )  
to implement text-to-911 )  
solutions: City of Hastings. ) Entered: April 13, 2021

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about February 16, 2021, the public safety answering point ("PSAP") located in the City of Hastings ("Hastings PSAP"), which serves Adams County, submitted a funding request seeking reimbursement for text-to-911 costs incurred in connection with joining the Southeast Region of PSAPs. The documentation supplied with the funding request provides pricing for a regional direct IP text-to-911 solution for the Southeast Region. The Hastings PSAP's share of the overall cost is \$4,250.00 for two years.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered the Hastings PSAP's funding request at its March 31, 2021 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 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

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be paid outside the cost model on an interim basis.<sup>1</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>2</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 Hastings PSAP contains eligible costs under the above-referenced Orders, and that funding should be approved in an amount not to exceed \$4,250.00 for two years.

## 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 the Hastings PSAP be, and is hereby, approved in an amount not to exceed \$4,250.00 for two years.

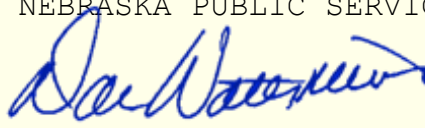
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Hastings PSAP submit documentation to justify all expenditures for payment or reimbursement for such amounts from the 911 Service System Fund.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

<sup>1</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>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. 4 (Nov. 19, 2018).