

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.50
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: December 7, 2021
Chase County

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 6, 2020, the Chase County public safety answering point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set-aside funds to purchase two desktop computer workstations and two computer monitors at a total cost of 1,645.84. On December 15, 2020, the Public Service Commission ("Commission") approved Chase County's funding request and entered an Order approving the use of set-aside funds in the amount of \$1,366.05, after applying the then-applicable wireless/wireline ratio.¹

On October 5, 2021, Chase County submitted request to the Commission to amend the December 15, 2020 Funding Order, due to fact that the original vendor was unable to deliver the requested equipment. As a result, Chase County was required to re-order the equipment from a different vendor at a higher cost. Therefore, the total cost of the computer equipment to be purchased by Chase County is now \$2,474.13, an increase of \$1,108.08. After applying Chase County's wireless/wireline ratio of 82 percent for the current funding year, the total amount eligible to be funded with set-aside funds is \$2,028.79, an increase of \$662.74

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

Pursuant to the 911 Service System Act² (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").³ The Fund consists primarily

¹ *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 (Dec. 15, 2020).

² Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

³ Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

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of surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service customers.⁴ The Act provides that money in the fund may be used to pay for costs that are determined by the Public Service Commission ("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.⁵ PSAPs may set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.⁶

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 the December 15, 2020 Order approving the use of set-aside funds by Chase County should be amended to reflect a total amount not to exceed **\$2,028.79**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the use of set-aside funds previously approved for Chase County is hereby amended as set forth herein from an amount to not exceed \$1,366.05, to an amount not to exceed **\$2,028.79**, an increase of \$662.74.

⁴ See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

⁵ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

⁶ *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).

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 7th day of December 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rob Johnson
Crystal Broadus
Mary Kiddy
Tim Schram

Don Watson
Chair

ATTEST:

Shanice Khutson
Deputy Director