

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 APPROVING FUNDING
safety answering points for the)
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:) Entered: December 7, 2021
Chase County

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about October 5, 2021, the Chase County ("Chase") public safety answering point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set-aside funds to purchase two sets of backup batteries for its VIPER call handling equipment from Eakes Office Solutions at a total cost of \$639.68.

The requested costs are subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless/wireline ratio for Chase County for the 2021-2022 funding year is 82%.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its October 18, 2021, meeting and recommended 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 Act¹ (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").² The Fund consists primarily of surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service customers.³ 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.⁴

¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

² Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

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

⁴ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

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The funding mechanism adopted by the Commission permits PSAPs to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.⁵ PSAP costs for backup power systems are eligible for funding.⁶ The amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be \$524.54 when utilizing the wireless ratio for Chase County.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Chase County should be approved in an amount up to **\$524.54**.





O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Chase County is hereby approved in an amount up to **\$524.54**.

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


NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chair

ATTEST:


Deputy Director

⁵ 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).

⁶ 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: Jefferson County, Application No. 911-042.30, ORDER APPROVING USE OF FUNDING (May 7, 2013).