

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.47
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: March 29, 2022
Custer County)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about February 4, 2022, the Custer County Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") filed a request to renew its subscription to geographic information systems ("GIS") mapping software known as GeoComm Maps, at a cost of \$7,344.00 for the first year. The \$7,344.00 cost is subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The Custer County ratio for the 2021-2022 funding year is 91 percent. Therefore, the maximum amount of set-aside funds that may be used for this purchase is \$6,683.04.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Custer County's funding request at a meeting held on February 10, 2022 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 Act¹ (the "Act"), the Public Service Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").² The Fund consists of 911 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 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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PSAPs may set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.⁵ Set-aside funds may also be used to pay the first year of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements.⁶ However, set-aside funds may not be used to pay future years of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements. Any such future costs must be paid from a PSAP's annually allocated funds or other sources.⁷

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 Custer County should be approved in an amount not to exceed **\$6,683.04**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Custer County is hereby approved in an amount up to **\$6,683.04**.

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: City of North Platte*, Application No. 911-042.18 ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (August 29, 2017).

⁷ *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: Dundy County*, Application No. 911-042.45, ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION (Dec. 4, 2018).

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 29th day of March, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rod Johnson
Crystal Brader
Mary Kadden
Tim Schram

Don Watson

Chair

ATTEST:

Thomas W. Golden
Executive Director