

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Gage County,) Application No. 911-023.33
Public Safety Answering Point,)
Beatrice, seeking funding) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
approval for recurring and non-) REQUEST, IN PART
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: June 24, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated January 10, 2008, Gage County, Public Safety Answering Point, Beatrice, (Gage County) sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Gage County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$99,143.00** for the purchase and installation of equipment necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service. Although Gage County requested 100% funding, the county failed to provide the requested supporting financial information to justify funding at 100% without application of the wireless/wireline factor.

Gage County provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Gage County's request at its April 21, 2008 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve the request at the wireless/wireline allocation.

The costs submitted are consistent with the prices contained in the vendor's response to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP).

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

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

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 costs requested,

subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request was received subsequent to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy and the information received from Gage County, the Commission therefore considers this funding request for funding subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order of 55%.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted, in part, in the amount of **\$54,528.65** in non-recurring costs which represents 55% of the **\$99,143.00** for equipment. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendor's response to the RFP.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Gage County the amount of **\$54,528.65** consistent with the terms of this order. Gage County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

Should Gage County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request not approved pursuant to the wireless/wireline allocation, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Gage County, or its designee, the amount of **\$54,528.65** consistent with the terms of this order for the equipment necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Gage County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request not approved pursuant to the wireless/wireline allocation,

it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 24th day of June, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director