

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-                )  
recurring costs of Enhanced                    )  
Wireless 911 implementation.                 ) Entered: June 24, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

In its application, Gage County seeks recurring costs for software support services related to GeoLynx software necessary for enhanced wireless 911 service. Funding for the installation of the software and one-year maintenance was previously approved by the Commission on April 10, 2007. Gage County has entered into a contract with GeoComm, Inc. (GeoComm) for five years of software maintenance commencing August 1, 2008 and has provided a copy of the contract with its request for funding. Total costs for the five-year contract are **\$14,604.00**.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Gage County's request at its April 28, 2008 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in the amount of **\$14,604.00**. All amounts requested are consistent with GeoComm's response to the Commission's RFP as amended and approved by the Commission in Docket No. 911-011/PI-79 on June 24, 2008. In its contract with GeoComm, Gage County authorizes the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit payments directly to the vendor on an annual basis.

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).

Costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 (2006 Supp.). All costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the provision of Phase II wireless enhanced 911 service.

The Commission finds that payment should be made to GeoComm in the amount of **\$14,604.00** pursuant to the terms of the contract for recurring costs. Payments shall be made on an annual basis as set forth in the contract over a five-year period and the total amount of all five payments shall not exceed **\$14,604.00**.

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.

If the Nebraska Legislature fails to appropriate or authorize the expenditure of sufficient funds to provide for the payment of costs from the Fund or, if a lawful order issued in or for any fiscal year during the term of the contract reduces the funds appropriated or authorized in such amounts as to preclude making the payments from the Fund, the Commission will not be responsible for any costs not reimbursed by the Fund.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the request for funding of Gage County shall be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission shall remit to GeoComm from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund **\$14,604.00** paid in annual installments as described herein subject to the limitations of this order.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director