

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Boone County,) Application No. 911-023.40
Albion, seeking funding)
approval for recurring and non-) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
recurring costs of Enhanced) REQUEST
Wireless 911 implementation.)
) Entered: November 24, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received October 28, 2009, Boone County, Albion, Nebraska, seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Boone County seeks non-recurring costs in the amount of one (1) year equipment maintenance totaling **\$3,373.00** commencing May 13, 2009. The costs are consistent with cost of maintenance for similar equipment for other PSAPs.

Boone County provided supporting documentation for the expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Boone County's request at its November 2, 2009 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment.

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. 2008), 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 the costs requested 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.

The Commission finds that maintenance of the equipment and software is essential to ensure the proper operation of the statewide 911 system and should be funded to the extent funds are

available during this interim period, subject to change based upon the availability of funds and the permanent funding mechanism.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in the amount of **\$3,373.00** in non-recurring costs for one (1) year maintenance. The Fund shall therefore pay to Boone County or its designee the amounts set forth above consistent with the terms of this order. Boone County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring 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 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 Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Boone County or its designee the amount of **\$3,373.00** consistent with the terms of this order for equipment maintenance.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 24th day of November, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director