

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Thurston	)	Application No. 911-023.62
County, Public Safety Answering	)	
Point, Pender, seeking funding	)	ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
approval for recurring and non-	)	REQUEST
recurring costs of Enhanced	)	
Wireless 911 implementation.	)	Entered: March 31, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated January 14, 2009, Thurston County, Public Safety Answering Point, Pender, (Thurston County) sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Thurston County seeks **\$5,778.20** for one (1) year software and equipment maintenance covering August 29, 2008 through August 28, 2009.

Thurston County provided supporting documentation for the expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Thurston County's request at its January 26, 2009 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in full.

## 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 Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, (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 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 **\$5,778.20**, for software and hardware maintenance subject to the limitations set forth herein.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Thurston County the amount of **\$5,778.20**, consistent with the terms of this order. Thurston County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

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 Thurston County or its designee the amount of **\$5,778.20**, consistent with the terms of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 31st day of March, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director