

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.01
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER SETTING HEARING
safety answering points for the)
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Nemaha County.) Entered: April 29, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On or about March 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-mentioned docket, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism.¹

On April 7, 2014, Nemaha County filed a request to use its set aside funds for costs associated with a consultant to assist with a request for proposal for equipment and software and supervising the installation of the equipment and software to establish a regional public safety answering point (PSAP). Fourteen counties would share backroom equipment and each individual PSAP would maintain call taking positions in its county. The fourteen counties would be Cass Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer, and York counties.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its April 15, 2014 meeting and recommended the Commission approve the request.

The Commission adopted the permanent cost model to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118. Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, PSAPs are permitted to retain up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount allocated to that PSAP for the future purchase of equipment and software. Currently, the costs of consultants

¹ Neb. Admin. Code Title 291, Ch. 15 (July 16, (2011); *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine costs eligible for funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(2)(b) and (c)*, Application No. 911-054/PI-181, Order Amending List of Eligible Expenses (Apr. 17, 2012).

related to the selection and purchase of equipment and software has not been specifically addressed. It is likely that the Commission will receive similar requests from other PSAPs similarly situated. In order to address the issue more generally, the Commission intends to open Docket No. 911-059/PI-190 and schedule a joint hearing.

Therefore, the Commission finds that a hearing on this matter should be scheduled for **May 28, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Commission further finds that a hearing on this matter should be held jointly with the hearing in Docket No. 911-059/PI-190 to address the issue more generally.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 29th day of April, 2014.

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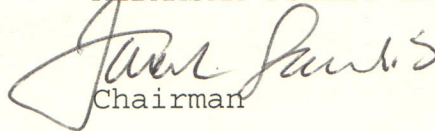
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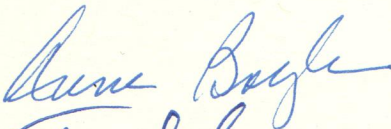

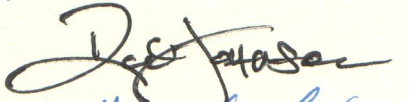
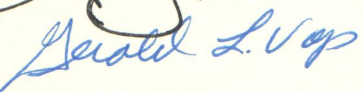
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