

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.02
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public)
safety answering points for the) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Dodge County.) Entered: December 11, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about October 15, 2018, the Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") operated by the Dodge County 911 Board ("Dodge County") filed a request to use set aside funds for the purchase of a Computer Assisted Dispatch ("CAD") system from Zeurcher Technologies, LLC ("Zeurcher"). Although Dodge County, in cooperation with the Fremont Police Department, is purchasing an entire suite of law enforcement equipment and software from Zeurcher, only the CAD system is eligible for funding from the 911 Service System Fund pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism.¹ According to the information provided with Dodge County's funding request, the total cost of the CAD system, including data conversion and interface with Dodge County's mapping system, is \$91,974.00.

Such costs are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless/wireline ratio for Dodge County for the 2018-2019 funding year is 80%.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its October 29, 2018, meeting and recommended the request be approved.

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

Pursuant to the 911 Service system Act² (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").³ The Fund consists primarily

¹ See In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service, Application No. 911-019/PI-118, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (February 23, 2010).

² Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

³ Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

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of surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service customers.⁴ The Act provides that money in the fund may be used to pay for costs that are determined by the Public Service Commission ("Commission") to be eligible for funding, including costs incurred by PSAPs for acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and services required for the provision of 911 service.⁵

The funding mechanism adopted by the Commission permits PSAPs to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.⁶ PSAP costs for CAD are eligible for funding pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.⁷ The amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be \$73,579.20 when utilizing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

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 costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and services required for the provision of 911 service.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Dodge County should be approved in an amount up to **\$73,579.20**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Dodge County is hereby approved in an amount up to **\$73,579.20**.

⁴ See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

⁵ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

⁶ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service, Application No. 911-019/PI-118, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (Feb. 23, 2010).

⁷ See, e.g., In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Seward County, Application No. 911-042.28, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (June 26, 2018).

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 11th day
of December, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Crystal Knodes
Tim Schram
Pat Huse

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//s//Mary Ridder

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mary Ridder

Chair

ATTEST:

Michael H. H. H.

Executive Director