

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.04
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:)
Knox County.) Entered: July 11, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about March 20, 2017, Knox County filed a request seeking approval for the use of enhanced wireless 911 set-aside funds toward the purchase of computer hardware and software components to refresh the Knox County PSAP's Motorola Emergency Callworks (Motorola) customer premise equipment. According to a pricing summary dated March 30, 2017, provided to Knox County by Motorola, the cost of equipment and installation would be \$30,533.98 and the first year cost of a five year software systems maintenance agreement would be \$4,691.19 per year, resulting in a total one year cost of \$35,225.17.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the Knox County request at its May 8, 2017, meeting and recommended that the request be approved.

The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The Knox County wireless/wireline ratio for the 2016-2017 funding year is 81% wireless.

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

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (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-118.¹

Based upon the request, 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 for funding as costs have been incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of

¹ 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 (Feb. 23, 2010).

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telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.²

Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, PSAPs are permitted to retain up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the annual funding amount allocated to that PSAP for the future purchase of equipment and software.³ However, only the first year of a multi-year maintenance agreement is an eligible use of set aside funds.⁴ Knox County has only requested the use of set aside funds for the first year of the software systems maintenance agreement, which is acceptable.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that Knox County's request to use set-aside funds for the purchase of computer hardware and software components, plus the first year cost of a maintenance agreement, should be approved in the amount of **\$28,523.38**, representing 81% of \$35,225.17, based on the wireless/wireline ratio on file with the Commission.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the use of set aside funds by Knox County is hereby approved as set forth herein in an amount not to exceed **\$28,523.38** in costs.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 11th day of July, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Mary Ridd

Crystal Gaudin

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Tim Schram

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Tim Schram
Chairman

ATTEST:

Shana Knutson

Deputy Director

² NEB. REV. STAT. § 86-465.

³ App. No. 911-019/PI-118, supra note 1.

⁴ 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: Sheridan County, Application No. 911-042.73* (Nov. 13, 2014).