

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.05
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:)
City of South Sioux City.)
Entered: March 15, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about December 7, 2015, the City of South Sioux City (South Sioux City) filed a request to use enhanced wireless 911 set-aside funds towards the purchase of equipment for a 911 call taker position, a CAD system, GeoComm mapping software, and maintenance for a total of \$322,494.00. South Sioux City has a wireless ratio for the 2015-2016 funding year of 89% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its December 14, 2015, meeting and recommended that the request be denied as the request was unclear as to how certain costs were related to the receipt of enhanced wireless 911 calls.

On January 12, 2016, the Commission entered an order denying South Sioux City's funding request because the request did not delineate between eligible and ineligible costs.¹ The Commission granted South Sioux City fifteen (15) days to submit an amended funding request, which South Sioux City complied.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the amended funding request at its February 22, 2016 meeting and recommended that the request be approved.

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

¹ See *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: City of South Sioux City*, Application No. 911-042.05 Order Denying Funding (Jan. 12, 2016).

answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.²

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 under NEB. REV. STAT. § 86-465 as 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.

South Sioux City's amended funding request listed a total cost of \$282,474.00 for the following: replacement of 911 CPE from SDN/TCS in the amount of \$150,019.00; a voice logging recorder in the amount of \$27,685.00; CAD software upgrade in the amount of \$93,440.00; and additional mapping software licenses and reinstallation of existing licenses from GeoComm in the amount of \$11,330.00. All costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. Utilizing South Sioux City's wireless ratio of 89% wireless, the amount eligible for funding would be up to **\$251,401.86** if purchased during the current fiscal year.

Additionally, the funding request listed a total cost of \$20,389.00 for annual maintenance amounts as follows: SDN/TCS (CPE) in the amount of \$11,510.00; WahlTek (voice logger) in the amount of \$2,000.00; Sungard (CAD) in the amount of \$5,504.00; and GeoComm (Mapping) in the amount of \$1,375.00. These costs are eligible for funding out of annually allocated funds, but would not be eligible for payment from set-aside funds. Utilizing South Sioux City's wireless ratio of 89%, the amount eligible for funding would be \$18,146.21.

The Commission finds that South Sioux City's request to use set-aside funds for equipment and software should be approved. South Sioux City may use set-aside funds up to **\$251,401.86** in costs representing 89% of the total costs based on the wireless ratio on file with the Commission. Annual maintenance amounts should be paid with annually allocated funds and not set-aside funds.

² See *In the Matter of the 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).

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the amended funding request for South Sioux City is hereby approved up to **\$251,401.86**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 15th day of March, 2016.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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