

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.09
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
safety answering points for the)
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
City of McCook.) Entered: August 29, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about July 17, 2017, the City of McCook Police Department (McCook) filed a request to use enhanced wireless 911 set aside funds toward the purchase of updated customer premise equipment and the first year of a software subscription at a total cost of \$117,735.47, in order to enable McCook to be configured as a node of the multi-node 911 system created by Buffalo County and Dawson County.¹ The request also included a separate line item for \$447.84 for one year of shared support costs for the Buffalo/Dawson multi-node 911 system.

The costs requested are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless ratio for McCook for the 2017-2018 funding year is 62% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its July 31, 2017 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

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-118.²

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: Buffalo County, Application No. 911-042.10, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING* (September 20, 2016).

² *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).

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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 generally eligible for funding as costs incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.³

The proposal from CenturyLink Business provided to the Commission with McCook's funding request includes an individual line item in the amount of \$1,470.59 for the integration of text-to-911 functionality. However, this amount has already been included in a separate request from McCook for Text-to-911 funding under another docket.⁴ Therefore, the Commission will deduct this amount from the present funding request.

Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, PSAPs are permitted to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for the future purchase of equipment and software. Such set aside funds may also be used to pay the first year of multi-year maintenance and/or support agreements.

The total amount proposed to be expended for the purchase of equipment, software and first year software subscription in McCook's funding request, less the amount requested for text-to-911 integration, is \$116,712.72.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that McCook's request to use set-aside funds should be approved in the amount of **\$72,361.89**, representing 62% of \$116,712.72, 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 McCook is hereby approved as set forth herein in an amount not to exceed **\$72,361.89**.

³ NEB. REV. STAT. § 86-465

⁴ *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions: City of McCook, Application No. 911-060.09, ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION (August 29, 2017).*

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 29th day
of August, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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