

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.10
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:)
Buffalo County.) Entered: June 12, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

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 or about April 25, 2018, Buffalo County ("Buffalo"), along with Dawson County, Franklin County EDS 911, Frontier County, Furnas County, the City of Holdrege, Kearney County, the City of McCook, and the City of North Platte (together, the "Applicants") filed individual applications to use set-aside funds to pay GeoComm for the creation of an aggregated regional Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data set for the Applicants' combined service areas, plus three years of annual maintenance including quality control/quality assurance services (the "Project.")

Each Applicant submitted a request to use set-aside funds in order to pay its respective share of the overall cost of the Project. According to documentation provided by the Applicants, the total one-time cost for the Project is \$16,018.00, with annual maintenance costs totaling \$33,948.00 over three years. The costs of the Project are proposed to be shared pro-rata based on the population of the Applicants' combined service area. According to the documentation provided by the Applicants, Buffalo County's pro rata share of the Project's cost is 30.6%, which is equal to \$4,472 of the one-time cost and \$3,820 of the first year's annual maintenance cost.

¹ 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, Application No. 911-042, ORDER OPENING DOCKET (March 30, 2010).

Such costs are subject to the wireless/wireline ratio.² The wireless ratio for Buffalo County for the 2017-2018 funding year is 87% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the Applicants' requests for funding of the Project at its May 14, 2018, meeting and recommended that all of the funding requests be approved.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

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-118.³

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 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.⁴ PSAP costs for the purchase and maintenance of software, including GIS data sets, are eligible for funding.⁵

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.⁶ Set aside funds may also be used to pay the first year of multi-year maintenance agreements.⁷ However, set aside funds

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, PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 1 (April 6, 2010).

³ 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).

⁴ NEB. REV. STAT. § 86-465.

⁵ 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: Clay County Application No. 911-042.03, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (October 31, 2017).

⁶ Id.

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: City of North Platte, Application No. 911-042.18 ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (August 29, 2017).

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may not be used to pay future years of multi-year maintenance or support agreements. Any such future costs must be paid from a PSAP's annually allocated funds or other sources, and do not require prior approval of the Commission. Therefore, amounts necessary to pay future years of multi-year maintenance costs need not be approved pursuant to this Order.⁸

Pursuant to the wireless ratio on file with the Commission for Buffalo County, the amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be up to \$3,890.64 with respect to one-time costs and \$3,323.40 with respect to first year maintenance costs, for a total of \$7,214.04 when utilizing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Buffalo County should be approved in the amount of up to **\$7,214.04**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Buffalo County is hereby approved in the amount of up to **\$7,214.04**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 12th day of June, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Crystal Swader

Red Hansen

Tim Schram

Mary Ridder
Chair

ATTEST:

Michelle HPL
Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Mary Ridder

⁸ App. No. 911-019/PI-118, supra note 1.