

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.13
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:)
Merrick County.)
) Entered: January 10, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about November 22, 2016, Merrick County filed a request to use set aside funds for the purchase of an upgraded GeoComm web-based mapping system, in the amount of \$15,425.00.

The costs are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless ratio for Merrick County for the 2016-2017 funding year is 78% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its December 5, 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 answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

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 to purchase the mapping upgrade 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.

The amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be up to **\$12,031.15** when utilizing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Merrick County should be approved in the amount

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of up to **\$12,031.15**. Any annual maintenance amounts with respect to the web-based mapping system should be paid with annually allocated funds and not set-aside funds.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the Merrick County is hereby approved as set forth above.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 10TH day of January, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Mary Riddle
Frank E. Landis

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram

Tim Schram
Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeffery L. Peltz
Executive Director

Commissioners Dissenting:

//s//Crystal Rhoades

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I believe surcharge funds collected from Nebraska consumers must be audited annually to assure the money is being used properly.

I voted against this Funding Order to call attention to the fact that the Commission was several years behind schedule in auditing the use of wireless 911 surcharge funds by Merrick County and many other PSAPs.

After I brought attention to this matter with my NO vote, the Commission completed its audit of the Merrick County PSAP for the 2011-2016 fiscal years, with all discrepancies resolved, via final letter dated April 9, 2017.



Commissioner Crystal Rhodes