

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) ORDER TO CEASE FUNDING
answering points for the)
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Merrick County.) Entered: October 16, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

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 approved under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

On April 16, 2018, the Merrick County Public Safety Answering Point ("Merrick County") filed an application for annual 911 funding with the Commission. On May 1, 2018, the Commission approved an annual allocation of 911 funding for Merrick County in the amount \$44,582.76 for the 2018-2019 funding year.

On or about July 25, 2018, the Commission sent Merrick County its first monthly allocation for the 2018-2019 funding year, in the amount of \$4,052.98. On August 1, 2018, however, Merrick County informed the Commission that it had officially consolidated its 911 services with Hamilton County, effective on July 1, 2018. As a result, the Hamilton County Public Safety Answering Point ("Hamilton County") now answers and dispatches all 911 calls for Merrick County, and has done so since July 1, 2018.

As of August 1, 2018, Merrick County had \$40,529.78 remaining of its wireless allotment for the 2018-2019 funding year. Because Merrick County no longer has an operating public safety answering point ("PSAP"), the remaining Merrick County funding allotment for the 2018-2019 funding year should be transferred to Hamilton County and added to the annual funding allocation for Hamilton County for the 2018-2019 funding year. In addition, Hamilton County should also receive any remaining wireless 911 funds held by Merrick County after making any adjustments that may be required based on the completion of a final audit of the Merrick County accounts. Such amounts shall include, without limitation, an amount equal to the

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\$4,052.98 monthly allocation distributed to Merrick County before the Commission was notified that its PSAP had ceased operation.

Based on the above, the Commission finds that Merrick County's remaining annual funding allotment for the 2018-2019 funding year in the amount of \$40,529.78, shall be transferred to Hamilton County and added to Hamilton County's annual funding allotment for the 2018-2019 funding year.¹ In addition, all remaining 911 funds held by Merrick County, after making any required adjustments based on a final audit, shall be transferred to Hamilton County by Merrick County.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Merrick County is hereby ceased.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Merrick County's remaining annual funding allotment for the 2018-2019 funding year in the amount of \$40,529.78 shall be transferred to Hamilton County and added to Hamilton County's annual funding allotment for the 2018-2019 funding year


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all remaining 911 funds held by Merrick County, after making any required adjustments based on a final audit, shall be transferred to Hamilton County by Merrick County.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 16th day of October, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


//s// Frank E. Landis


//s// Mary Ridder





Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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: Hamilton County*, Application No. 911-042.15, ORDER AMENDING FUNDING (October 16, 2018).