

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 ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
safety answering points for the )  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
Merrick County. ) Entered: July 17, 2012

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.<sup>1</sup>

On April 2, 2012, Merrick County filed its application for funding with the Commission pursuant to Neb. Admin. Code Title 291, Ch. 15 § 007.01. Merrick County serves Merrick County.

Pending resolution of the issues currently being considered in Docket No. 911-019/PI-118<sup>2</sup>, Merrick County is eligible for interim funding in the amount of \$26,183.90 for the 2012-13 funding year. This amount reflects a deduction for pre-existing commitments in the amount of \$5,236.78. Merrick County has indicated that it anticipates using the funding provided for the following purposes: upgrades to equipment, maintenance, telecommunications services and training. The county plans to set aside 25% of its funding for future equipment and software upgrades and purchases.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds \$26,183.90 should be approved consistent with the allocation previously approved by the Commission in Application No. 911-019/PI-118<sup>3</sup>. Merrick County

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<sup>1</sup> Neb. Admin. Code Title 291, Ch. 15 (July 16, (2011); *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine costs eligible for funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(2)(b) and (c)*, Application No. 911-054/PI-181, Order Amending List of Eligible Expenses (Apr. 17, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> *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, Order Making Findings, Establishing a Schedule and Setting a Hearing (June 26, 2012).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

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Once a final decision is made regarding modifications to the model and allocations for the 2012-13 funding year, the Commission will true-up funding amounts for PSAPs including but not limited to making any adjustments for pre-existing commitments that may have expired or otherwise changed, for any adjustments necessary based upon the audit for the 2010-11 funding year, deductions from funding for any late filed applications, and for any change in allocation resulting from the addition of the personnel cost module. All true-ups will be made retroactively to July 1, 2012.

Merrick County is required to submit documentation to justify expenditures, including an accounting of funds set aside for future equipment and software purchases, and update contact and other information no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year consistent with Neb. Admin. Code, Title 291, Ch. 15 § 008. If the Commission determines that any funds were not used appropriately, funding for the following funding year will be adjusted to recoup any necessary funds. All PSAPs are subject to audit.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Merrick County must submit required documentation to justify all expenditures with approved funds no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year consistent with Neb. Admin. Code, Title 291, Ch. 15 § 008.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

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ATTEST:

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ATTEST: *Phil S. [Signature]*  
Executive Director

//s// Rod Johnson