

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska	)	Application No. 911-042.15
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:	)	
Hamilton County.	)	Entered: March 15, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 21, 2016, Hamilton County filed a request to use enhanced wireless set-aside funds toward the purchase of 911 CPE from Emergency Callworx in the amount of \$229,510.22, with license and maintenance costs of \$10,563.11 for two years.

The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. Hamilton County has a wireless ratio for the 2015-2016 funding year of 81% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its February 22, 2016 meeting and recommended that the request be approved.

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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.

The funding request included costs of \$66,577.20 for radio equipment, which is not eligible for funding. Excluding radio costs, the remaining costs eligible for wireless funding would be \$162,933.02. However, portions of those costs include three-year support in the amount of \$22,156.75 and extended warranty in the amount of \$5,012.21 per year. These costs are eligible for funding on an annual basis from annually allocated funds, but would not be eligible for funding from set-aside funds. Therefore, the total costs eligible for funding using set-aside funds is \$135,764.06. Utilizing Hamilton County's wireless ratio of 81%, up to \$109,968.88 would be eligible for funding from set-aside funds if purchased during the current fiscal year.

Based upon the request, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the costs requested

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are eligible under NEB. REV. STAT. § 86-465 as costs have been incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

The Commission finds that Hamilton County's request to use set-aside funds should be approved. Hamilton County may use set-aside funds up to **\$109,968.88** in costs representing 81% of the total costs based on the wireless ratio on file with the Commission. Support and extended warranty costs should be paid on a year-by-year basis from annually allocated funds.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the Hamilton County is hereby approved up to **\$109,968.88**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Maude L. V. G.*  
*Crystal Knorr*  
*Reg. Jones*

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Tim Schram*

Chairman

ATTEST:

*Jeff L. Poley*

Executive Director