

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.19
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:)
Saline County.) Entered: February 20, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about December 6, 2018, Saline County filed a request to use set aside funds to purchase a GeoLynx server mapping system from GeoComm. The total eligible cost of the system is \$11,086.50, representing \$9,312.66 of non-recurring costs and \$1,800.00 for one year of support and maintenance.

The requested costs are subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless ratio for Saline County for the 2018-2019 funding year is 84% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board Considered the request at its January 16, 2019 meeting and recommended the request be approved.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Pursuant to the 911 Service system Act¹ (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").² The Fund consists primarily of surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service customers.³ The Act provides that money in the fund may be used to pay for costs that are determined by the Public Service Commission ("Commission") to be eligible for funding, including costs incurred by PSAPs for acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and services required for the provision of 911 service.⁴

¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

² Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

³ See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

⁴ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

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The funding mechanism adopted by the Commission permits PSAPs to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.⁵ Such set aside funds may also be used to pay the first year of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements.⁶ However, set aside funds may not be used to pay future years of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements. Any such future costs must be paid from a PSAP's annually allocated funds or other sources.⁷

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 911 service. PSAP costs for the purchase and maintenance of GIS software systems are eligible for funding.⁸

Pursuant to the wireless ratio on file with the Commission for Saline County, the amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds would be up to \$9,312.66 for one-time costs and \$1,512.00 for first year support and maintenance, for a total of \$10,824.66 when utilizing the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Saline County should be approved in the amount of up to **\$10,824.66**.

⁵ 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 (Feb. 23, 2010).

⁶ 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).

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: Dundy County, Application No. 911-042.45, ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION (Dec. 4, 2018).

⁸ 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).

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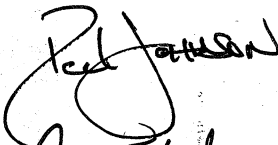

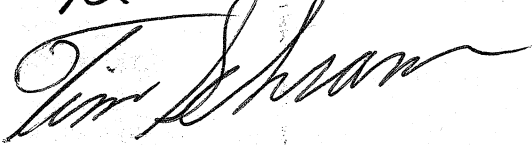
O R D E R


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Saline County is hereby approved in the amount of up to \$10,824.66.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 20th day of February, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director