

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.20
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:)
Dawes County.) Entered: July 25, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about May 1, 2017, Dawes County filed a request seeking approval for the use of enhanced wireless 911 set-aside funds toward the purchase of computer equipment and software to upgrade its customer premise equipment and mapping systems. According to a pricing summary dated February 27, 2017 from CenturyLink Business and submitted with the funding request, the total cost of the equipment, software, installation, service and maintenance would be \$205,679.78. The pricing summary included costs for prepaid multi-year maintenance and support.

A revised pricing summary from CenturyLink Business, dated May 3, 2017, was received on or about May 5, 2017. According to the revised pricing summary, the total cost of the equipment, software, installation, service and maintenance would be \$221,135.03. The revised pricing summaries also included costs for prepaid multi-year maintenance and support.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the Dawes County request at its May 8, 2017, meeting and recommended that the request be approved.

Subsequent to the Advisory Board Meeting, Dawes County submitted a revised funding request, including a further revised pricing summary from CenturyLink Business, dated July 11, 2017, reflecting a reduction in the total cost of equipment, software, installation, service and maintenance, along with only one year of maintenance and support. The total cost reflected in the revised funding request was \$122,272.10.

The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The Dawes County wireless/wireline ratio for the 2017-2018 funding year is 76% wireless.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

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-118.¹

Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, PSAPs are permitted to retain up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the annual funding amount allocated to that PSAP for the future purchase of equipment and software.² However, costs for multi-year maintenance agreements are not an eligible use of set aside funds.³ Maintenance costs must be paid annually and are subject to the wireless/wireline ratio on file with the Commission for the related funding year.⁴ Therefore, Dawes County is not authorized to use set-aside funds for funding of multi-year maintenance plans.

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 are eligible for funding 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.⁵

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that Dawes County's request to use set-aside funds for the purchase of customer premise equipment, together with related software, installation and support should be approved in the amount of **\$92,926.96**, representing 76% of \$122,272.10, based on the wireless/wireline ratio on file with the Commission.

¹ 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 (Feb. 23, 2010).

² Id.

³ 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: Sheridan County, Application No. 911-042.73 (Nov. 13, 2014).

⁴ 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 Wayne, Application No. 911-042.73 (Oct. 25, 2016).

⁵ NEB. REV. STAT. § 86-465.

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the use of set aside funds by Dawes County is hereby approved as set forth herein in an amount not to exceed **\$92,926.96** in costs.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 25th day of July, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Mary Redden

Crystal Knudsen

Frank E. Landis

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Tim Schram

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Tim Schram
Chairman

ATTEST:

Miss R. H. J.
Executive Director