

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.30
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER DENYING REQUEST
safety answering points for the) TO USE FUNDS
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Jefferson County.) Entered: November 5, 2013

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about August 29, 2013, the Jefferson County filed a request to use the enhanced wireless 911 set aside funds toward the purchase of radio equipment at a total cost of **\$14,991.50**. Jefferson County is requesting approval to use set aside funding in the amount of **\$8,994.90**, representing 60% of the total costs based upon wireless call volumes.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its October 21, 2013 meeting and recommended the request be denied as the equipment at issue is not an eligible expense.

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

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. Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, Jefferson County is receiving a monthly payment in the amount of \$3,828.82.

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 a the costs requested are not eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as costs incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.¹

¹ See *In the Matter of the 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).

Therefore, the Commission finds that the request by Jefferson County should be denied.

Should Jefferson County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding its request denied herein it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the request to use set aside funding from Jefferson County is hereby denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Jefferson County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding its request denied herein it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 5th day of November, 2013.

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//s//Anne C. Boyle
//s//Frank E. Landis