

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.32  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
administer funding for public ) ORDER APPROVING USE OF  
safety answering points for the ) FUNDING  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
Boyd-Holt Joint E-911 ) Entered: May 23, 2017  
Administrative Board. )

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about February 18, 2016, Boyd-Holt Joint E-911 Administrative Board (Boyd-Holt) filed a request with the Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking retroactive approval of its use of enhanced wireless 911 set aside funds during August 2015 for the purchase and installation of new customer premise equipment at a cost of \$123,670.11 and updated mapping software at a cost of \$3,616.00, resulting in a total expenditure of \$127,286.11.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the retroactive request at its August 29, 2016 meeting and recommended the request be approved.

The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. Boyd-Holt had a wireless ratio for the 2015-2016 funding year of 87% wireless.

Consideration of Boyd-Holt's retroactive funding request by the Commission has been left pending, awaiting resolution of various issues raised during an audit to verify that all amounts received by Boyd-Holt from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund had been used for eligible costs pursuant to the Commission's Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.<sup>1</sup> Such audit has now been concluded and any necessary adjustments have been made.

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

The Commission adopted the permanent cost model to administer funding for public safety answering points ("PSAPs") for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.<sup>2</sup> The order establishing the cost model

<sup>1</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, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (February 23, 2010).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

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also provides that PSAPs' use of Enhanced Wireless 911 Funds are subject to audit by the Commission.

Boyd-Holt failed to seek prior approval to use set-aside funds for the equipment and software purchase in August 2015 as required by Docket No. 911-019/PI-118. Through this funding application, Boyd-Holt seeks retroactive approval of the above-referenced expenditure.

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 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 the request of Boyd-Holt for retroactive approval of the use of set aside funds for the purchase of equipment and software should be approved in the amount of **\$110,738.92**, representing 87% of \$127,286.11, reflecting the Boyd-Holt wireless/wireline ratio for the 2015-2016 funding year.

In the future, Boyd-Holt shall ensure that any funding requests are submitted to the Commission for consideration and approval prior to the expenditure of set aside funds.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the retroactive funding request for Boyd-Holt is hereby approved in the amount of **\$110,738.92**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Maury Bidder*

*Crystal Gunder*

*P. J. [Signature]*

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Tim Schram

*Tim Schram*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*Jeffrey I. Puley*  
Executive Director