

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.42
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:)
Furnas County.) Entered: June 23, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On or about March 16, 2015, Furnas County filed a request to use its enhanced wireless 911 set-aside funds toward a 911 equipment upgrade.

The costs sought are subject to the wireless/wireline ration. Furnas County has a wireless ratio for the 2014-2015 funding year of 79% wireless. Therefore, Furnas County requested approval to use its set aside funds toward 79% of the total cost of \$75,854.68.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its April 20, 2015 meeting and recommended that the request be approved.

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.

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 or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, PSAPs are permitted to retain up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount allocated to that PSAP for the future purchase of equipment and software. In its funding request, Furnas County states that the

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funds shall be used for the purchase of Positron Viper 911 equipment, which has a total cost of \$75,854.68. However, the total amount requested for funding would be \$59,925.20 based upon Furnas County's wireless ratio of 79%.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that Furnas County's request to use set-aside funds for the purchase of 911 equipment should be approved. The Commission finds that Furnas County may use set-aside funds up to \$59,925.20 in costs representing 79% of the total costs based upon the wireless ratio on file with the Commission.

Because the purchase and installation of the equipment may span two funding years and the wireless/wireline ratio may change, Furnas County must enter into the contract for the purchase prior to June 30, 2015 in order to utilize its set-aside funds at the current wireless/wireline ratio. Should the contract not be finalized by that time, Furnas County must resubmit its application so that the applicable ratio can be applied.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the Furnas County is hereby approved as set forth herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the contract for the purchase of the equipment must be prior to June 30, 2015.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 23rd day of June, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Tim Schram
Crystal Knoder
Reel Jones

Chairman *Gerald L. Vap*

ATTEST: *Frank E. Landis*

Deputy Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Gerald L. Vap