

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.46
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER APPROVING ADVANCE AND
safety answering points for the) FUNDING, IN PART
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
City of Wayne.) Entered: October 25, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On or about August 16, 2016, the City of Wayne ("Wayne") filed a request to use its enhanced wireless 911 set-aside funds toward the purchase of 911 equipment and maintenance in the amount of \$193,124.39.

The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. Wayne has a wireless ratio for the 2016-2017 funding year of 88.38% wireless. Wayne is also requesting an advance of \$19,344.95.

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

Specifically, Wayne is seeking approval to use its 2016-2017 allocation funds, landline funds, an advance, and the total of its set-aside funds to purchase an Emergency Call Works system with two 911 workstations and three Polycom SIP phones in the amount of \$163,815.61. The costs also includes a recommended hardware refresh in the amount of \$13,039.66 and a 10-year extended warranty in the amount of \$16,269.12.

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. However, PSAPs are not required to wait to apply for funding for these items until they have saved sufficient funds from their monthly allocation to cover the cost. To the extent that there is an insufficient balance in the PSAP's equipment and software fund, after an accounting is received of the funds the PSAP has available, the Commission will pay the appropriate percentage of the cost of the equipment and software and a deduction will be made from the future annual allocation to the PSAP until the expense is reimbursed to the Fund. This option is available only once to each PSAP.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that an advance of funding for the City of Wayne should be approved in the amount up to **\$19,344.95**. Consistent with the allocation determined in Docket 911-019/PI-118, a deduction up to \$322.42 shall be made from Wayne's monthly allocation over a sixty (60) month period commencing once payment has been made from the fund. The final amount to be deducted will be determined based upon actual costs.

The sixty month deduction period allows Wayne to continue saving funds from their monthly allocation to cover any future purchases of equipment and software and still reimburse the Fund. This reimbursement period should not be viewed as a standard repayment period for all funding requests for a PSAP's equipment and software. The Commission will determine the appropriate length of time for Fund repayment on a case-by-case basis based upon the amount requested, the PSAP's monthly allocation and other relevant factors.

Additionally, the Commission finds that Wayne's funding request should be approved, in part. The Commission finds that Wayne's request to use set-aside funds for the purchase of the main hardware and software should be approved in the amount of **\$144,780.24**, representing 88.38% of the total costs based the wireless ratio on file with the Commission. However, pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Wayne is responsible for paying for maintenance costs attributable to the provision of wireless enhanced 911 service from its allocation and not from its set-aside funds. Maintenance costs cannot be prepaid and must be paid annually pursuant to the wireless ratio on file with the Commission for that funding year. Finally, the Commission finds that Wayne's funding request for the hardware refresh program should not be approved.

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Should Wayne wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding 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 funding request for the City of Wayne is hereby approved as set forth herein.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 25th day of October, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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ATTEST:

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Executive Director