

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.49
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:)
Douglas County 911.) Entered: August 14, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about July 5, 2018, the Douglas County ("Douglas County") Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") filed a request seeking approval for the use of enhanced wireless 911 set-aside toward the purchase of upgraded call handling equipment from CenturyLink Business at a cost of \$284,504.69, which includes one year of support and maintenance at a cost of \$81,790.10. The funding request also includes networking equipment from vendor Prime Communications, in the amount of \$15,850. The total cost of the Douglas County equipment upgrade would be \$300,354.69.

The costs requested are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless ratio for Douglas County for the 2018-2019 funding year is 76% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its July 23, 2018 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-118.¹

Based upon the request, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the costs requested are eligible for funding as costs that have been incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of

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).

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telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.²

Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, PSAPs are permitted to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the annual funding amount allocated to that PSAP for the future purchase of equipment and software.³ Douglas County presently has a set-aside fund balance of \$694,136.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds the Douglas County request to use set-aside funds for the purchase of upgraded call handling equipment, including one year of support and maintenance, and the installation of new networking equipment, should be approved in the amount of \$228,269.56, representing 76% of \$300,354.69, based on the wireless/wireline ratio on file with the Commission.

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 Douglas County is hereby approved as set forth herein in an amount not to exceed \$228,269.56.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 14th day of August, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Mary Ridder

² NEB. REV. STAT. § 86-465.

³ App. No. 911-019/PI-118, supra note 1.