

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.55
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public)
safety answering points for the) ORDER MODIFYING FUNDING
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Howard County.) Entered: May 9, 2017

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 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-mentioned docket, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism approved under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

On April 11, 2016, Howard County filed its application for funding with the Commission pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118. On June 28, 2016, the Commission entered an order approving annual funding for Howard County in the amount of up to \$50,022.35 for the 2016-2017 funding year.¹

Subsequent to the June 28, 2016 Order, the Commission completed an audit for the 2013-2014 funding year. The audit determined that Howard County had set-aside \$9,184.44 in excess of the maximum 75% of funding that PSAPs are allowed to retain for future equipment and software purchases.² Therefore, pursuant to Commission Order, an adjustment was made to reduce Howard County's annual funding in an

¹ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Howard County, Application No. 911-042.55, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (June 28, 2016).

² 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).

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amount equal to such excess, resulting in funding to Howard County for the 2016-2017 funding year in the amount of \$40,837.91.³

The Commission recently completed a review and audit of Howard County for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 funding years. During such review, it was determined that personnel expenses for dispatchers who receive and process wireless enhanced 911 calls had not been included in the total of the County's expenditures for eligible expenses in the 2013-2014 funding year. However, PSAP costs eligible for wireless enhanced funding had been expanded to include such personnel expenses by Commission Order dated April 17, 2012.⁴

It is apparent that Howard County incurred eligible personnel expenses exceeding \$9,184.44 for dispatchers who receive and process wireless enhanced 911 calls during the 2013-2014 funding year. The fact that such eligible expenses were incurred by the PSAP eliminates the need for the adjustment described above.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds that funding for Howard County should be modified to increase such funding by an amount equal to \$9,184.44 for the 2016-2017 funding year. Such amount shall be payable to Howard County as an additional payment prior to the end of the 2016-2017 funding year.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Howard County is hereby modified by increasing such amount by **\$9,184.44** as set forth herein, resulting in a total of up to \$50,022.35 for the 2016-2017 funding year. Such additional amount shall be payable to Howard County no later than June 30, 2017.

³ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Howard County, Application No. 911-042.55, ORDER MODIFYING FUNDING (August 16, 2016).

⁴ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine costs eligible for funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(2)(b) and (c), Application No. 911-054/PI-181 Order Amending List of Eligible Expenses (Apr. 17, 2012).

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 9th day of May, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Mary Riddis

Frank E. Landis

//s// Frank E. Landis

//s// Tim Schram

COMMISSIONERS DISSENTING:

//s// Crystal Rhoades

Tim Schram
Chairman

ATTEST:

Julia L. Peltz

Executive Director