

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.58  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
administer funding for public )  
safety answering points for the ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
Region 26 Council. )  
) Entered: January 24, 2017

### BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about November 28, 2016, Region 26 Council, which serves the counties of Blaine, Garfield, Greeley, Loup, Sherman, Thomas, Valley and Wheeler, filed a request seeking approval for the use of enhanced wireless 911 set-aside funds toward the purchase of customer premise equipment offered by Motorola Emergency CallWorks. The cost of the equipment and professional installation services is \$122,906.47. The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. Region 26 Council had a wireless ratio for the 2016-2017 funding year of 69% wireless. After application of the wireless/wireline ratio, the maximum amount enhanced wireless 911 set-aside funds that could be applied to this request is \$84,805.46.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its December 5, 2016, meeting and recommended the request be approved.

### OPINION AND FINDINGS

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

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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, Region 26 Council uses the bulk of its funding to pay personnel expenses for dispatchers who receive and process wireless enhanced 911 calls, as permitted by Public Service Commission regulations.<sup>1</sup> As a result, Region 26 Council reports that the full amount of set aside funds it has available to pay for equipment and software is \$6,224.51. Region 26 Council does not seek an advance of funds in connection with this request.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that Region 26 Council's request to use set-aside funds for the replacement of customer premise equipment should be approved in the amount of up to \$6,224.51.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for Region 26 Council is hereby approved not to exceed \$6,224.51 in costs.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Mary Riddis*  
*Crystal Knodes*  
*Ed [unclear]*

//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//Tim Schram

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Tim Schram*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*John [unclear]*  
Executive Director

<sup>1</sup> 291 N.A.C. 15-006.01A2i.