

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.67
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:)
Pierce 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 (PSAPs) 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 March 20, 2014, Pierce County filed its application for funding with the Commission pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118. On April 29, 2014, the Commission entered annual funding order under the Wireless 911 Support Allocation Model.¹ In typical fashion, Appendix-A to such order included a table setting forth the proposed amount of funding to be allocated to each PSAP for the 2014-2015 fiscal year under the 911-SAM. Pierce County qualified for \$51,671.09

Subsequent to the April 29, 2014 Order, the Commission completed an audit for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 funding years. The audit determined that Pierce County had set-aside funds in excess of the maximum 75% of funding that PSAPs are allowed to retain for future equipment and software purchases. The excess amounts were \$4,559.32 for the 2011-2012 funding year and \$15,137.61 for 2012-2013 funding year.² Therefore, pursuant to Commission Order, an

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, ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS (April 29, 2014)

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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adjustment was made to reduce Pierce County's annual funding by \$19,696.93, an amount equal to such excess, resulting in funding to Pierce County for the 2014-2015 funding year in the amount of \$28,790.16.³

The Commission recently completed a review and audit of Pierce 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 2012-2013 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 Pierce County County incurred eligible personnel expenses exceeding \$15,137.61 for dispatchers who receive and process wireless enhanced 911 calls during the 2012-2013 funding year. The fact that such eligible expenses were incurred by the PSAP eliminates the need for the adjustment for that funding year. However, because the change was not approved until 2012, \$4,559.32 withheld for the 2011-2012 funding year does remain accurate.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds that funding for Pierce County should be modified to increase such funding by an amount equal to \$15,137.61 for the 2016-2017 funding year. Such amount shall be payable to Pierce 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 Pierce County is hereby modified by increasing such amount by **\$15,137.61** as set forth herein, resulting in a total of up to \$66,699.48⁵ for the 2016-2017 funding year. Such

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: Pierce County, Application No. 911-042.67, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (June 17, 2014).

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).

⁵ 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: Pierce County, Application No. 911-042.67, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (June 28, 2016) (Funding for 2016 was approved for \$51,561.87)

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additional amount shall be payable to Pierce County no later than June 30, 2017.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Mary Riddell

Frank E. Landis

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

Tim Schram
Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeffrey L. Puley

Executive Director

COMMISSIONERS DISSENTING:

//s//Crystal Rhoades