

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.69
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING,
safety answering points for the) IN PART
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Nance County.) Entered: July 27, 2010

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 May 7, 2010, the Nance County Sheriff's Office (Nance County) filed its application for funding with the Commission pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118. The deadline for the filing of all applications for funding was April 23, 2010.

Nance County, which services the areas of Nance County, is eligible for funding in the amount of \$24,241.79 for the 2010-11 funding year.

Nance County has indicated that it anticipates setting aside thirty-percent (30%) of its funding for costs related to GIS. The County also intends to set aside seventy-five percent (75%) of its funding for future equipment and software upgrades and purchases. We assume that the percentages are a clerical error and that Nance County intended to set aside the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) for GIS costs. There seems to be a general misunderstanding that there are two separate funds for GIS and other PSAP expenditures. All eligible costs, whether GIS or other PSAP expenditures, should be specified for allocation, from one source of funding under the permanent mechanism.

Prior funding commitments in the amount of \$2,750.00 were previously approved and must be deducted from the allocation. Furthermore, the Commission finds that due to the late filing of its application, Nance County's total annual allocation should be reduced in an amount equal to one month's payment in the amount of \$1,790.98. The monthly payments shall be recalculated based upon

the reduced annual allocation. Such a reduction is necessary as a matter of fairness to those PSAPs who filed applications in a timely manner.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that funding request for Nance County in the amount of \$19,700.81 should be approved consistent with the allocation determined in Docket 911-019/PI-118.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Nance County is required to submit documentation to justify expenditures, including an accounting of funds set aside for future equipment and software purchases, and update contact and other information no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year. If the Commission determines that any funds were not used appropriately, funding for the following funding year will be adjusted to recoup any necessary funds. All PSAPs are subject to audit.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the Nance County Sheriff's Office is hereby approved as set forth herein in the amount of \$19,700.81.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Nance County submit required documentation to justify all expenditures with approved funds no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year consistent with the terms of the order approving the permanent funding mechanism and process in Docket 911-019/PI-118 entered on February 23, 2010.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 27th day of July, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director