

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, ) Application No. 911-060.01  
on its own motion, seeking to )  
investigate and determine )  
whether additional funds from )  
the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund ) ORDER AMENDING FUNDING  
should be made available to )  
public safety answering points )  
for costs to implement text to )  
911 solutions: Nemaha County. ) Entered: February 22, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 9, 2016, Nemaha County submitted an application as part of the fourteen counties of the Southeast 911 Region ("Region") requesting text to 911 funding for an Airbus integrated Customer Premise Equipment ("CPE") solution. On October 12, 2016, the Commission entered an order granting funding for Nemaha County in an amount not to exceed \$11,775.00 in non-recurring costs.

On January 10, 2017, the Commission entered an order at the request of Nemaha County reducing the County's funding authorization for non-recurring costs from \$11,775.00 to \$4,500.00, reflecting a change in the location of the Region's CPE equipment from Nemaha County to Lancaster County.

On January 31, 2017, Nemaha County, on behalf of itself and the other counties of the Region, submitted a supplemental funding request for \$208.00 in monthly recurring costs to cover Windstream charges for direct connectivity of the Region's CPE to the Text Control Centers ("TCCs").

The Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Nemaha County's supplemental funding request at its February 13, 2017, meeting and recommended that the Commission approve the request.

O P I N I O N   A N D   F I N D I N G S

According to Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-465(2), costs incurred by public safety answering points for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service may be eligible for payment from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund, according to standards and criteria established by the Commission.

Pursuant to the staff proposal adopted in Progression Order No. 3 in this docket, the Commission may approve funding requests for text to 911 technology solutions costs such as text control

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center contracts, staff training, trunks necessary for additional text traffic, other costs related to the provision of text to 911 services not attributed more generally to 911 emergency response services. Progression Order No. 3 further specified that the Commission intended to limit approval of text to 911 related service contracts to no more than three years.

Based on the above, the Commission finds the funding previously approved for Nemaha County should be amended to include up to 36 months of recurring costs in an amount not to exceed \$208.00 per month, payable on behalf of the Region to Windstream for direct connectivity of the Region's CPE to the Text Control Centers. Nemaha County, acting on behalf of the Region, shall either submit invoices for payment by the Commission or submit invoices with evidence of payment for reimbursement from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the text to 911 technology solution funding request previously approved for Nemaha County be, and is hereby, amended to include up to 36 months of recurring costs in an amount not to exceed \$208.00 per month, which shall be payable by or reimbursable to Nemaha County on behalf of the Southeast Region.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Nemaha County submit required documentation to justify all expenditures for payment or reimbursement from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Mary R. ...*  
*Crystal ...*

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

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Chairman

ATTEST:

*Jeffery L. ...*  
Executive Director