

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the ) Application No. 911-060.10  
Commission, on its own motion, )  
seeking to investigate and )  
determine whether additional )  
funds from the Enhanced )  
Wireless 911 Fund should be ) ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION  
made available to public safety )  
answering points for costs to )  
implement text to 911 )  
solutions: Buffalo County. ) Entered: December 20, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 6, 2014 the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) entered an order on its own motion seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points (PSAPs) for costs to implement text to 911 solutions.

On November 4, 2014 the Commission released Progression Order No. 3 in this docket, setting out the procedure to fund text to 911 outside the cost model for PSAPs ready to implement technology solutions on an interim basis. The staff proposal adopted set out the application process for PSAPs seeking interim funding for text to 911 solutions.

O P I N I O N S   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 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.

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On October 30, 2014 Buffalo County submitted an application in this docket requesting text to 911 funding for a Direct IP solution. The application listed \$116.00 of non-recurring costs for equipment and \$18,789.12 of monthly recurring costs for 36 months.

The application was then reviewed by technical subject matter experts, Mission Critical Partners, who advised the Commission in writing on December 4, 2014 that the technology proposed by Buffalo County was Next Generation 911 compatible and covered all wireless carriers currently deploying text to 911. MCP held no reservation in the technical design of the solution.

The application was included on the published agenda for the January 12, 2015 meeting of the Wireless 911 Advisory Board. However, during the meeting, Buffalo County's representative requested removal of the application from the agenda and no action was taken on the application.

On October 21, 2016, Buffalo County submitted a revised application in this docket requesting text to 911 funding for a Direct IP solution. The application listed \$16,385.00 of non-recurring costs for equipment and \$70.00 of monthly recurring costs totaling \$2,250.00 for 36 months. The total amount of the request was \$18,905.00.

On October 26, 2016, the Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered and approved Buffalo County's request for text to 911 interim funding.

The Commission finds the application submitted by Buffalo County contains eligible costs under the interim text to 911 funding orders. PSAPs must submit invoices for payment by the Commission or submit invoices with evidence of payment for reimbursement to the PSAP from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the revised text to 911 technology solution funding request submitted by Buffalo County be and hereby is approved in an amount not to exceed **\$18,905.**

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Buffalo 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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*Frank E. Landis*

*Tim Schram*

Chairman

ATTEST:

*Frank E. Landis*

Deputy Director

//s//Frank E. Landis

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