

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,)	Application No. 911-060.49
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: Douglas County.)	Entered: December 20, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 27, 2015, the Commission entered an order approving funding to Douglas County in the amount of \$8,887.62 for the purchase and installation of a Direct IP text to 911 technology solution, based on an application for funding received November 17, 2014. The application listed \$112.50 of non-recurring costs for equipment and \$8,775.12 of monthly recurring costs for 24 months plus an additional \$16,312.50 of monthly recurring costs for 36 months, which is a total amount equal to \$25,000.12.

However, Douglas County's application indicated that they were contesting the proposed \$16,312.50 amount for 36 months of recurring costs as unnecessary, so they did not include that amount in the total of their request. Therefore, the total amount of funding requested by Douglas County was \$8,887.62, which amount was approved by the Commission in the order entered January 27, 2015.

Following issuance of the Commission's order, Douglas County's selected vendor delivered and installed the requested equipment and Douglas County implemented text to 911 functionality. On September 22, 2016, Douglas County submitted a revised application for funding in the total amount of \$25,087, including vendor invoices reflecting the acceptance by Douglas County of the previously contested amount.

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.

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Pursuant to the staff proposal adopted in Progression Order 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.

Douglas County's original funding application was reviewed by technical subject matter experts, Mission Critical Partners, who advised the Commission in writing on December 4, 2014 that the technology proposed by Douglas County was Next Generation 911 compatible and covered all wireless carriers currently deploying text to 911.

On January 12, 2015 the Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered and approved Douglas County's original request for text to 911 interim funding. On October 26, 2016, the Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered and approved Douglas County's revised request for text to 911 interim funding.

The Commission finds the revised application submitted by Douglas 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 911 technology solution funding previously approved for Douglas County is hereby amended in the amount of up to **\$25,087.00**, an increase of **\$16,199.38**.

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

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 20th day
of December, 2016.

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