

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Sarpy County,            ) Application No. PSAP-001.3  
seeking approval of funding for        )  
recurring and non-recurring costs    ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
of implementation of enhanced        ) REQUEST  
wireless 911.                                )  
  ) Entered: September 9, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

Sarpy County has implemented and is providing Phase I wireless enhanced 911 service to customers of several wireless carriers, and costs of such service have been approved in Application Nos. PSAP-001, PSAP-001.1 and PSAP-001.2. On December 10, 2002, the Commission received an application from Sarpy County for non-recurring costs of implementing Phase I. Such costs were incurred in 1999 in a major upgrade of Sarpy County's customer premise equipment.

On March 28, 2003, Sarpy County filed an amended request in this docket, seeking \$71,402.00, purportedly only for the costs of a feature known as 10/20 digit capability, which allows Sarpy county to provide its callers with Phase I automatic number identification (ANI) and automatic location identification (ANI).

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered the request of Sarpy County at its board meetings held January 24, 2003; April 15, 2003; June 4, 2003; and August 27, 2003. The Board ultimately recommended that Sarpy County be granted costs in the amount of \$62,204.00, which strictly covers costs of Centralink 2000 ANI Controller hardware and software, which provides 10/20 digit capability to Sarpy County.

Sarpy County is physically located near a local access and transport area (LATA) boundary, and thus, requires the ability to complete a tandem-to-tandem transfer of ANI information. The 10/20 digit feature provides tandem-to-tandem transfer and is necessary for public safety answering points (PSAPs) that serve two different LATAs. This feature enables Sarpy County to fully and adequately provide Phase I wireless E-911 to persons calling from either LATA that it serves, and this feature will also be necessary when Sarpy County implements Phase II wireless E-911 service.

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

This request for funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-469 (2002 Supp.), 291 Neb.

Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, and Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002.

Costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 (2002 Supp.) All costs have been incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance and operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of wireless E-911.

Because Sarpy County has already purchased the equipment upgrades that are the subject of this application, the Commission finds that upon proof of payment by filing a copy of the invoice and a cancelled check with the Commission, it should directly remit payment for reimbursement to Sarpy County.

Based upon the request for funding and supporting documentation, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the request for funding should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Sarpy County's request for funding shall be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon invoice, the Commission shall remit to Sarpy County amounts that comport with this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 9th day of September, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director