

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of Merrick County, ) Application No. PSAP-011  
Central City, seeking approval of )  
funding for recurring and )  
non-recurring costs of imple- ) GRANTED  
mentation of enhanced wireless )  
911. ) Entered: June 5, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received May 29, 2002, Merrick County seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Merrick County has one public safety answering point (PSAP), which will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Merrick County. The local exchange carrier serving Merrick County's PSAP is Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Merrick County's PSAP is served by the following wireless carriers: ALLTEL Cellular, Airgate PCS and Western Wireless.

Merrick County entered into a service agreement with Qwest for enhanced wireless 911 equipment and services. A copy of the agreement is attached to the request for funding. In the agreement, Merrick County authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments for enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest.

Merrick County seeks initial costs of \$12,839.70 and recurring costs of \$1,677.30 per month to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for each of the above-listed wireless carriers. Initial costs are for database upgrades, trunking infrastructure and purchase, installation and testing of circuits for enhanced wireless 911. Recurring costs are monthly fees for database management and for operation and maintenance of trunks and circuits.

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This request for funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-2201 to 86-2214. (2001 Supp.), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, and Progression Order No. 4 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered April 23, 2002.

Costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-2210 (2001 Supp.) All costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance and operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications ser-

vices required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

Merrick County has submitted a PSAP registration in compliance with Commission Docket No. 911-001.

Because Merrick County authorized Qwest to receive all payments on its behalf for wireless enhanced 911, the Commission finds that payment should be made to Qwest upon invoice. Only invoices that comport with the approved costs in this order will be paid. Recurring costs requested for partial months must be pro rated.

Furthermore, all costs of Nebraska Universal Service Fund surcharges should be paid, and any legitimate government-imposed taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges should be paid. Merrick County should true-up its subscriber counts on a quarterly basis and the Commission should pay resulting non-recurring and recurring charges.

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 Merrick County's request for funding shall be granted.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any government imposed-taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges shall be paid.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Merrick County shall be paid for non-recurring and recurring charges resulting from increased subscriber counts, and that Merrick County shall true-up its subscriber counts on a quarterly basis.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 5th day of June,  
2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director