

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of Howard County,        ) Application No. PSAP-014  
seeking approval of funding for        )  
recurring and non-recurring costs     ) GRANTED  
of implementation of enhanced         )  
wireless 911.                             ) Entered: July 9, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received June 24, 2002, Howard County seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Howard County has one public safety answering point (PSAP), which will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Howard County. The local exchange carrier serving Howard County's PSAP is Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Howard County's PSAP is served by the following wireless carriers: ALLTEL Cellular and Western Wireless.

Howard 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, Howard County authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments for enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest.

Howard County seeks initial costs of \$6,859.80 and recurring costs of \$1,016.20 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.

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. §§ 86-2201 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 opera-

tion of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

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

Because Howard 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. Howard 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 Howard 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 Howard County shall be paid for non-recurring and recurring charges resulting from increased subscriber counts, and that Howard County shall true-up its subscriber counts on a quarterly basis.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 9th day of July,  
2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director