

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Holt and Boyd	)	Application No. PSAP-021.1
Counties, O'Neill, seeking	)	
approval of supplementary	)	GRANTED
funding for costs of Wireless	)	
E911 implementation.	)	Entered: June 25, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received May 13, 2003, Holt and Boyd Counties, O'Neill, seeks additional funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Holt and Boyd Counties are served by one public safety answering point (PSAP), which will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Holt and Boyd Counties. The local exchange carrier serving Holt and Boyd Counties' PSAP is Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Holt and Boyd Counties' PSAP is served by the following wireless carriers: ALLTEL and Western Wireless.

Holt and Boyd Counties entered into a service agreement with Qwest for enhanced wireless 911 equipment and services. A copy of the agreement is attached to the original request for funding, granted in Application No. PSAP-021. In the agreement, Holt and Boyd Counties authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments, including the charges of third-party database vendor Intrado, for enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest.

Holt and Boyd Counties seek additional costs of \$14,322.00 to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for each of the above-listed wireless carriers. These additional costs are for database upgrades, specifically for a 10/20 digit automatic location identification (ALI) feature. This feature is necessary because Holt and Boyd Counties' PSAP borders the State of South Dakota and requires 10/20 ALI to transfer wireless calls to South Dakota and receive transferred wireless calls from South Dakota, when necessary and appropriate.

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This request for additional 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. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 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 services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

Holt and Boyd Counties have submitted a PSAP registration in compliance with Commission Docket No. 911-001.

Because Holt and Boyd Counties have authorized Qwest to receive all payments on their 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.

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. All costs of Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) surcharges and any legitimate government-imposed taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges should also be paid.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Holt/Boyd County's request for additional 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.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 25th day of  
June, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director