

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Jefferson County,) Application No. PSAP-022.2
Fairbury, seeking funding approval)
for recurring and non-recurring) GRANTED
costs of enhanced wireless 911)
implementation.) Entered: May 20, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received May 7, 2003, Jefferson County, Fairbury, seeks additional funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Jefferson County has one public safety answering point (PSAP), which will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Jefferson County. The local exchange carrier serving Jefferson County's PSAP is ALLTEL. In Application No. PSAP-0022, Jefferson County was approved for funding for service from two wireless carriers: ALLTEL Wireless and Western Wireless.

Jefferson County seeks additional costs of \$24,350.00 to further implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for the above-listed wireless carriers. Costs sought in the present application are for implementation of an Intrado SALI (stand-alone automatic location identification) network for ALLTEL, and for the purchase, installation, and testing of a Cisco router to support that network. Implementation of a SALI network for ALLTEL is required in order to properly access automatic location identification information, and will benefit all Nebraska PSAPs served by ALLTEL. Costs for this upgrade were not known at the time of Jefferson County's prior applications for funding, as implementation of this upgrade had not been completed.

Jefferson County entered into a service agreement with ALLTEL for enhanced wireless 911 equipment and services. In the agreement, Jefferson County authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments for enhanced wireless 911 service to ALLTEL.

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. 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.

Because Jefferson County authorized ALLTEL to receive all payments on its behalf for wireless enhanced 911, the Commission finds that payment for costs requested in this application should be made to ALLTEL 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 arising from this application should be paid, and any legitimate government-imposed taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges should be paid.

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 Jefferson County's request for funding shall be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon invoice from ALLTEL, the Commission shall remit to ALLTEL 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 20th day of May, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director