

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Saline County,) Application No. PSAP-029
Wilber and Crete Police)
Department, Crete, seeking)
funding approval for recurring) GRANTED
and non-recurring costs)
associated with Wireless E911)
implementation.) Entered: October 7, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received September 23, 2003, Saline County, Wilber and Crete Police Department, Crete, seek funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. The Saline County area is served by two public safety answering point (PSAPs). One PSAP is located at the Saline County Sheriff's Office and the other is at the Crete Police Department. Both PSAPs will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Saline County. The local exchange carrier serving Saline County's two PSAPs is Alltel Communications (Alltel). Saline County's PSAPs are served by the following wireless carriers: Alltel Wireless and Western Wireless.

Saline County and the Crete Police Department entered into service agreements with Alltel for enhanced wireless 911 equipment and services. A copy of the agreement is attached to the request for funding. In the agreement, both Saline County and the Crete Police Department authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments for enhanced wireless 911 service to Alltel.

Saline County and the Crete Police Department seek initial costs of \$9,384.00 and recurring costs of \$606.00 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. §§ 86-442 to 86-469 (2002 Cum. 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 Cum. 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.

Saline County and the Crete Police Department have each submitted a PSAP registration in compliance with Commission Docket No. 911-001.

Because Saline County and the Crete Police Department authorized Alltel to receive all payments on its behalf for wireless enhanced 911, the Commission finds that payment 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.

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 the request for funding of Saline County and Crete Police Department 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 7th day of
October, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director