



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 08, 2002

Council Session

Item G36

#2002-327 - Approving Interlocal Agreement for Statewide Wireless Communication Network

The Nebraska Legislature made it possible to establish a statewide wireless communications system by the passage of LB1211. The system is being established by means of constructing a wireless backbone that is accessible by state agencies, cities, counties, public power and irrigation districts, fire districts and other political subdivisions. In order to create the system, two interlocal cooperation agreements have been drafted. The first, known as the Statewide Communications Alliance of Nebraska Interlocal Agreement, includes as participants The State of Nebraska, Board of Regents, and the various local entities and public power districts listed above. The Alliance would be the operator of the system. The second, known as the Public Safety Communications Agency of Nebraska Interlocal Agreement, would include the same entities as the Alliance with the exception of the state and its agencies. The Agency would be the financing entity for the system. The state and its agencies would not be participants in the Agency due to the constitutional prohibition against the State of Nebraska incurring debt.

The proposed system would allow its participants to continue to own and operate their systems, but the backbone would make it possible to communicate between systems statewide via wireless facilities statewide. Approval is recommended.

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WHEREAS, the construction and operation of a statewide wireless communications system (statewide system), accessible by agencies of the State of Nebraska, local city and county public safety agencies, public power districts and other political subdivisions is in the best interests of the citizens of the state of Nebraska and their health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska legislature, by passage of LB1211 of the Ninety Seven Legislature, Second Session has created enabling legislation for such a statewide system; and

WHEREAS, financing and operation of the necessary backbone for a statewide system can be accomplished through to proposed interlocal agreements identified as the Statewide Communications Alliance of Nebraska Interlocal Agreement and Public Safety Communications Agency of Nebraska Interlocal Agreement; and

WHEREAS, participants in the Statewide Communications Alliance of Nebraska will be the State of Nebraska, the Game and Parks Commission, and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, Nebraska municipalities, counties, public power districts, irrigation districts, public corporations, fire protection districts, and other political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, and will serve as the operating entity of the statewide system backbone; and

WHEREAS, the participants in the Statewide Communications Alliance of Nebraska will be Nebraska municipalities, counties, public power districts, irrigation districts, public corporations, fire protection districts, and other political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, and will serve as the financing entity of the statewide system backbone; and

WHEREAS, participants will continue to own and operate their existing wireless communications systems and will be able to communicate statewide with other participants using the statewide system backbone; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced interlocal agreements have been reviewed and approved by the offices of the City Administrator and City Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Statewide Communications Alliance of Nebraska Interlocal Agreement and the Public Safety Communications Agency of Nebraska Interlocal Agreement are hereby approved; and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreements on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on October 8, 2002.

Approved as to Form ? _____ October 3, 2002 ? City Attorney

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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October 3, 2002 ? City Attorney