

IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION 7-0924

**A RESOLUTION UPDATING AND REAFFIRMING
BROADBAND COMMITMENT WITH THE REEDSBURG UTILITY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Iowa County adopted Resolution 7-0721 on July 20th of 2021 outlining the Iowa County Board of Supervisors commitment in partnership with the Reedsburg Utility Commission (RUC) for a Public Service Commission Broadband Grant to serve portions of Iowa County; and

WHEREAS, Iowa County agreed to provide the Reedsburg Utility Commission with use of the County -owned 48 strands of fiber known as the "river crossing" to assist with the distribution of "Light Speed" high-speed broadband internet service and up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) of matching funds for the five million dollar (\$5,000,000) broadband project; and

WHEREAS, it was further agreed by both parties that the fiber installation would be completed no later than by December 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Reedsburg Utility Commission was successful in receiving the Wisconsin Public Service Commission Grant and further successful in receiving a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan to fund portions of the project; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of the USDA loan have lead to project delays for Archeological site investigations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission has awarded a grant extension to December 31, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that it is agreed to modify the terms of the July 20, 2021 Resolution to extend the project completion date to December 31, 2025.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of September 2024.



John M. Meyers, Iowa County Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kristy, Spurley, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 7-0721

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN
BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATION AND MATCHING FUNDS COMMITMENT FOR
BROADBAND PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors has declared that the economic activity and public benefits likely to occur as a result of the development and deployment of a reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband network throughout Iowa County constitutes a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, Iowa County, a certified Broadband Forward! Community, seeks to promote the development of high-speed broadband services to unserved and underserved areas within its boundaries and believes that cooperation with private-sector partners is necessary for the development of a county-wide broadband network that meets the needs of the County, its residents, and its businesses; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, Iowa County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Reedsburg, acting by and through the Reedsburg Utility Commission ("RUC"), establishing a public-private partnership ("PPP") to facilitate the deployment of affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband internet service in parts of Iowa County ("MOU"); and

WHEREAS, attached as Exhibit A is the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan of the broadband project (the "Project") that RUC and Iowa County staff have developed to further Iowa County's goal of improving broadband access throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MOU and in furtherance of the Project, RUC, with Iowa County as its public partner, have been preparing an application to submit to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin ("PSCW") to obtain a \$2,500,000 broadband grant under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) ("Grant Application") for a \$5,000,000 project; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Application requires that PPP partners make a commitment of matching funds for their proposed broadband project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that Iowa County's commitment of matching funds to support the Grant Application shall be realized as follows: In the Grant Application, Iowa County's share of the matching contribution will be one-tenth (10 percent) of the total project cost, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the County, which will be allocated as follows:

1. RUC is committed to have "LightSpeed" gigabit broadband service available to as many customers as possible within the preliminary service area described in Exhibit A no later than December 31, 2024. If this is accomplished, Iowa County agrees to contribute up to \$500,000 to this project upon its successful completion.

2. Iowa County also agrees to provide an in-kind contribution to RUC of the use of the County-owned 48-strand fiber "river crossing" as long as RUC is providing "LightSpeed" high-speed broadband internet service to customers in Iowa County.
3. Iowa County and RUC both agree to provide and share with each other, on a timely basis, the necessary reporting information required to justify and use, or be reimbursed by, the ARPA funding or any other funding source.
4. Additional terms and conditions between the parties will be included in a separate Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement, to be developed and executed after the successful awarding of the ARPA grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Iowa County Administrator is hereby authorized to review, modify, and approve any further Grant Application revisions necessary to complete the Grant Application so that it may be timely filed with the PSCW.

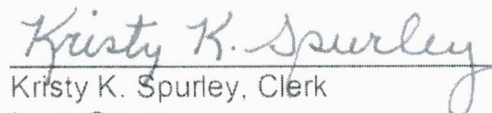
Respectfully submitted by the Executive Committee.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of July, 2021.



John M. Meyers, Chairman
Iowa County Board of Supervisors

Attest:



Kristy K. Spurley, Clerk
Iowa County