Resolution

Board of Wayne County Commissioners

Ron Amstutz    Rebecca S. Foster    Sue A. Smail

Adopted: October 27, 2021
Subject: Appointment of Contact to Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to Solicit Applications from Broadband Providers for Ohio Residential Expansion Grant Program eligible projects in areas identified in Section 1 of this Resolution (ORC 122.4050)

It was moved by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Amstutz that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Amended House Bill 2 of the 134th Ohio General Assembly created the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program to expand broadband service in the state and provide grants to assist with expansion of broadband service to unserved and underserved residents of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, under Section 122.4050 of the Ohio Revised Code, a board of county commissioners may adopt a resolution requesting the Ohio Department of Development to solicit application from broadband providers for Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program grants for eligible projects in the municipal corporations and townships of the county; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects are projects to provide tier two broadband service access to residences in an unserved area or tier one area of a municipal corporation or township eligible for funding under the Broadband Expansion Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, tier one broadband service is a retail wireline or wireless broadband service capable of delivering internet access at speeds of at least ten but less than twenty-five megabits per second downstream and at least one but less than three megabits per second upstream and a tier one area is an area served by tier one broadband service but not tier two broadband service; and

WHEREAS, an unserved area is an area without access to tier one or tier two broadband service; and

WHEREAS, there are unserved or underserved areas in the county whose residents would benefit from the expansion of tier two broadband service if a broadband provider were to complete an eligible project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the following municipal corporations and townships within Wayne County, Ohio have areas that are unserved or underserved by broadband service:

Municipalities:
Fredericksburg, Shreve and West Salem

Townships:
Congress, Chester, Clinton, Franklin, Paint, Salt Creek and Sugar Creek
Sections 2. That pursuant to Section 122.4050 of the Ohio Revised Code, Ron Amstutz shall be the contact on behalf of the county to submit a request to the Ohio Department of Development to solicit applications from broadband providers for Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program eligible projects in the areas identified in Section 1 of this Resolution.

The vote is as follows: Ron Amstutz yea  Rebecca S. Foster yea  Sue A. Smail yea

CERTIFICATE
I, Diane L. Austen, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Wayne County, Ohio, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted and journalized by said Board on said date.

Diane L. Austen, Clerk