

RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE BOARD OF ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO UTILIZE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING TOWARDS THE OPERATION AND DELIVERY OF EASTGATE'S REGIONAL BROADBAND PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments ("Eastgate") is a regional council of government pursuant to O.R.C. 167.01 consisting of political subdivisions within Ashtabula, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties, including the County of Ashtabula; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, Eastgate completed a Regional Broadband Feasibility Study focused on providing enhanced and reliable internet service to rural areas lacking appropriate coverage, as well as urban centers that require increased speed and access, for the three-county region encompassing Ashtabula, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2022, Eastgate entered into a Contract Employee Agreement with a Broadband Coordinator to implement the Regional Broadband Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners (the "Board") desires to contribute to the implementation the Regional Broadband Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the Parties intend to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to more fully identify and describe the agreed-upon obligations of the Parties as described below; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Parties agree as follows:

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2. Eastgate, as the Regional Broadband Convener, will work in tandem with the Board to ensure the continued implementation of the Regional Broadband Feasibility Study, while providing robust technical assistance and expertise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2023-362

July 06, 2023

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Upon the motion of J.P. Ducro IV, seconded by Kathryn L. Whittington.

VOTE:

Casey R. Kozlowski	Aye
Kathryn L. Whittington	Aye
J.P. Ducro IV	Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.


Crystal Sturgill, Clerk of the Board, *Acting*
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Memorandum of Understanding is effective upon execution by both parties:

Eastgate Regional Council of Governments



James G. Kinnick, P.E., Executive Director

Date: 6/26/23

Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners:



Date: 7-1-23 _____

Approved as to legal form:

Date: _____

Collen M. O'Toole, Ashtabula County Prosecutor