

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT REQUESTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT TO SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FROM BROADBAND PROVIDERS FOR OHIO RESIDENTIAL BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM GRANTS FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS IN ASHTABULA COUNTY

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 applications 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, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio that there are numerous unserved or underserved areas in Ashtabula County and we are requesting the Ohio Department of Development to solicit applications from broadband providers for Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program for eligible projects in the county and that the Commissioners support **Cox Communications** and all other Internet Service Providers willing to expand and improve internet connectivity for the residents of Ashtabula County.

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

VOTE:

**Kathryn Whittington
J. P. Ducro IV
Casey R. Kozlowski**

**Aye
Aye
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.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio