

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sup. Dave Homan
INITIATED BY



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County Board Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY

February 11, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

In Support of Legislation to Allow for Greater Broadband Expansion

1 WHEREAS, a recent state report titled "Rural Voices for Prosperity A Report of the Governors Blue
2 Ribbon Commission on Rural Prosperity contained many recommendations applicable to the state of
3 or lack of broadband access throughout Rock County; and,
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5 WHEREAS, the Rural Voices for Prosperity Report included the following recommendations, many
6 of which legislative action will be necessary and include:

- 7 A. Set a bold, public goal for bringing high performance broadband to all of Wisconsin.
- 8 B. Boost the funding for existing state assistance to rural broadband.
- 9 C. Create a method to hold providers accountable for the broadband service they claim to
10 provide.
- 11 D. Provide more broadband technical assistance to communities.
- 12 E. Ensure broadband coverage maps are accurate.
- 13 F. Review and consider revising state rules that make it complicated for communities and
14 local leaders to take broadband action on their own.
- 15 G. Explore and share "how-to" ideas from the "doer" rural Wisconsin communities and
16 from what other states are doing; and,
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18 WHEREAS, the broadband service in Rock County is partially underserved, underserved and not
19 serviced in 53% of the County's square miles affecting approximately 20,301 or 12% of the County's
20 total population (per 2020 broadband application to state to serve Rock County, supplied by Bug
21 Tussel Wireless).
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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
24 assembled this 25th day of February, 2021, does hereby support the broadband
25 recommendations contained in the Rural Voices for Prosperity Report and urge the State of Wisconsin
26 Legislature to approve these as a means of providing meaningful broadband expansion.
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28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors shall push for all possible avenues to
29 provide all citizens of Rock County with reliable, high-speed internet service.

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Respectfully submitted:

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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
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FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator