

November 2, 2021

In the) Broadband Expansion Grant
Matter of) Ohio Revised Code 122.4050

WHEREAS, Amended House Bill 2 of the 134th Ohio General Assembly created the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program to expand broadband services 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 the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program for eligible projects to 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 or 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 Richland County Board of Commissioners,

Section 1. That the following municipal corporations and townships within Richland County have areas that are unserved or underserved by broadband service: Jefferson Township, Perry Township, Sandusky Township, Franklin Township, Blooming Grove Township, Butler Township, Weller Township, Sharon Township, Plymouth, State Route 546 in Troy Township, and Lexington-Ontario Road in Troy Township.

Section 2. That pursuant to Section 122.4050 of the Ohio Revised Code, Andrew S. Keller 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

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Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program eligible projects in the areas identified in Section 1 of this resolution.

M . _____ moved and M. _____ seconded the motion of the resolution, and the call upon the vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Banks, _____; Mr. Vero, _____; Mr. Mears, _____.

ATTEST: CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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