

Polk County Board of Supervisors  
Resolution No. 13-18

Resolution In Support of Broadband Expansion Grant Applications to Improve Broadband Service in  
Polk County

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF POLK, WISCONSIN:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, improved broadband access is necessary for the citizens, schools and businesses in Polk County for economic development, medical care, education, communication and other current and future uses;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) administers the Broadband Expansion Grant Program to provide financial assistance to telecommunication utilities for the purpose of expanding broadband communication services to underserved areas within the state; and

WHEREAS, to improve the quality of those who live, work and play in Polk County, it is in the interest of the County to support and work with telecommunication utilities which carry out Broadband Expansion Grant funded projects to extend services to underserved areas in Polk County;

WHEREAS, county governments may support applications to the Broadband Expansion Grant Program through the contribution of funds, easements or permissions to use publically-owned real estate, construction materials, or other items of value to the grant project; in-kind assistance to the grant project in the form of waived fees and expenses for obtaining use permits and permissions; or other items of benefit to the grant project, such as public outreach and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors endorses and establishes as a goal of Polk County that broadband communications are provided and readily accessible to all citizens, schools, businesses and other organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in support of the projects funded through the Broadband Expansion Grant Program, Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes, as follows:

1. An annual appropriation and expenditure of \$1,000 to each telecommunications utility that is awarded a Fiscal Year 2018 Broadband Expansion Grant for a project to extent broadband communication services to underserved areas of Polk County, provided that said utility applies and expends no less than 25% of awarded grant funds on project construction that is carried out within Polk County;
2. Said annual appropriation and expenditure of such amount as authorized by this resolution for the grant Fiscal Year of 2018 shall continue and apply as a recurring and continuing appropriation and expenditure to telecommunication utilizes that apply for and are awarded Broadband Expansion Grant funds in subsequent grant fiscal years until such time that this resolution is rescinded; and

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37 3. A waiver of those fees for obtaining permits required by the County, including, but not  
38 limited to, Highway utility accommodation permits, for Broadband Expansion Grant funded  
39 projects that involve the construction of communication facilities under or across county  
40 highways and county lands.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Wisconsin Public  
42 Service Commission, the offices of Governor Scott Walker and the representatives of Polk County  
43 serving in the Wisconsin Legislature, the Polk County Economic Development Corporation.

Sponsored and submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2018.

BY: Brad Olson  
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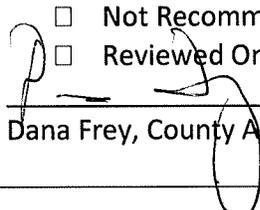
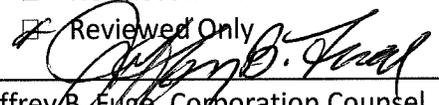
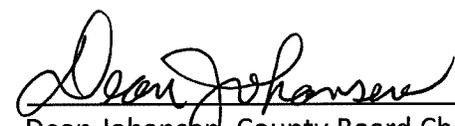
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Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Review By County Administrator: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Dana Frey, County Administrator	Review By Corporation Counsel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel
Acknowledgement of County Board Action At its regular meeting on the <u>19</u> of February 2018, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. <u>63</u> -18: Resolution In Support of Broadband Expansion Grant Applications to Improve Broadband Service in Polk County; as follows:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Enacted by simple majority of all members, by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enacted by unanimous vote. <i>Voice vote</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated by voice vote.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____	
SIGNED BY:  Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson	
Attest:  Sharon E. Jorgenson, County Clerk	

