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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TELECOMMUTING OPPORTUNITIES AND
TELECOMMUTER FORWARD CERTIFICATION
TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF
POLK:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

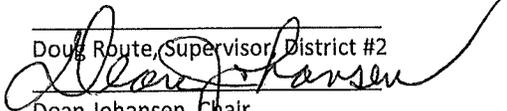
WHEREAS, Polk County supports and commits to promote the availability of telecommuting options;

WHEREAS, Polk County hereby appoints Vince Netherland, Executive Director of the Polk County Economic Development Corporation, as the single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities within Polk County including the following responsibilities.

1. Coordination and partnership with broadband providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees, and other telecommuting stakeholders.
2. Collaboration with broadband providers and employers to identify, develop, and market telecommuter-capable broadband packages.
3. Communication and partnership with broadband providers and economic development professionals to develop common goals.
4. Promotion of telecommuter-friendly workspaces, such as business incubators with telecommuting spaces, if such a workspace has been established in the political subdivision at the time the political subdivision adopts the resolution.
5. Familiarity with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources.
6. Maintaining regular communication with the state broadband office.
7. Making regular reports to the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors support telecommuting opportunities for Polk County in its application for Telecommuter Forward! Community certification.

BY: _____
Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1

Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

Dean Johansen, Chair,
Supervisor, District #3,

Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4

James Edgell, Supervisor, District #8

Kim O'Connell, Supervisor, District #9

Larry Jepsen, Supervisor, District #10

Jay Luke, 1st Vice Chair,
Supervisor, District #11

Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5

Michael Larsen, Supervisor, District #12

Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6

Russell Arcand, Supervisor, District #13

Michael Prichard, Supervisor, District #7

John Bonneprise, 2nd Vice Chair,
Supervisor, District #14

Joe Demulling, Supervisor, District #15

County Administrator's Note:

Recommended.

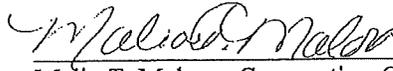

Nick Osborne
County Administrator

Fiscal Impact Note:

There is no fiscal impact related to this resolution.


Maggie Wickre, Finance Director

Approved as to Form and Execution:


Malia T. Malone, Corporation Counsel

Legal Impact Note: This matter has minimal legal impact.

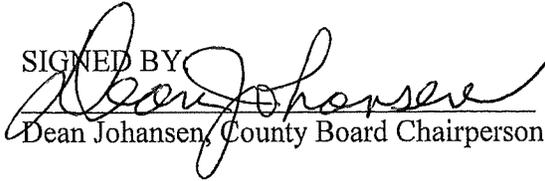
Excerpt of Minutes

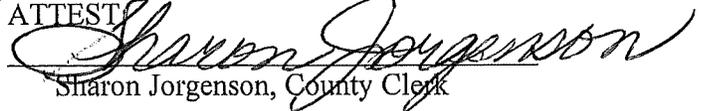
34 At its regular business meeting on the 16 of July 2019, the Polk County
35 Board of Supervisors acted upon Resolution No. 28-19: Resolution
36 _____
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Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of _____ in
favor and _____ against.

- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Defeated
- Other:

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

SIGNED BY 
Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson

ATTEST 
Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk

Executive Summary

In February, 2018 the Polk County Board adopted a resolution implementing the Broadband Forward program, which encourages local governments to streamline their permitting process to encourage broadband internet expansion and provides grants. Telecommuter Forward, which was also developed by the Public Service Commission, can be seen as the logical companion and next iteration of Broadband Forward. Because of Polk County's largely rural character, but need to compete with other employers both in Wisconsin and the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro Area, we need as many tools as possible to attract and retain quality employees. This resolution formalizes a single point of contact with the business community, employers, and the County Board to lead our efforts to encourage telecommuting.

CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF POLK

I Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk do hereby certify that the attached hereto and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 28-19: Resolution in Support of Telecommuting Opportunities and Telecommuter Forward Certification adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors at its regular business meeting held on July 16, 2019.

Handwritten signature of Sharon E. Jorgenson in cursive script, followed by the date 7/16/19.

Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk

Date