

RESOLUTION NO. 8-0721

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN
BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATION AND MATCHING FUNDS COMMITMENT FOR
BROADBAND PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors has declared that the economic activity and public benefits likely to occur as a result of the development and deployment of a reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband network throughout Iowa County constitutes a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, Iowa County, a certified Broadband Forward! Community, seeks to promote the development of high-speed broadband services to unserved and underserved areas within its boundaries and believes that cooperation with private-sector partners is necessary for the development of a county-wide broadband network that meets the needs of the County, its residents, and its businesses; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, Iowa County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mount Horeb Telephone Company, LLC, doing business as MHTC, establishing a public-private partnership (“PPP”) to facilitate the deployment of affordable, reliable, high-speed internet service throughout Iowa County (“MOU”); and

WHEREAS, attached as Exhibit A is the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan of the broadband project (the “Project”) that MHTC and Iowa County staff have developed to further Iowa County’s goal of improving broadband access throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Application requires that PPP partners make a commitment of matching funds for their proposed broadband project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MOU and in furtherance of the Project, MHTC, with Iowa County as its public partner, have been preparing an application to submit to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (“PSCW”); and

WHEREAS, MHTC estimates that the Project will cost \$1,220,810 (“Estimated Project Cost”). MHTC shall request 50% of the Estimated Project Cost in its application to the Grant Program. The County agrees to be responsible for 25% of the actual cost of the Project or \$305,202.50 (the “County Maximum Contribution”), whichever is less. Provided the grant award is not less than the full amount requested in the grant application, MHTC agrees to be responsible for 25% of the actual cost of the Project *plus* the difference between the County Maximum Contribution and 25% of the cost of the Project *plus* all costs and expenses that exceed the Estimated Project Cost *plus* any difference between the amount requested in the grant application and the amount actually awarded.

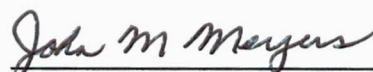
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that Iowa County’s commitment of matching funds to support the Grant Application shall be realized as follows:

1. In the Grant Application, Iowa County's share of the matching contribution will be one-quarter (25 percent) of the total project cost, in an amount not to exceed \$305,202.50 for the County.
2. Iowa County shall pay to MHTC the amount described above within 30 days of all the following conditions being met:
 - a. MHTC is awarded a grant for the Project from the ARPA Grant Program;
 - b. MHTC completes construction of the Project by the 2024 calendar year; and
 - c. MHTC provides to the County a statement from a person authorized by MHTC to do so that the Project, as installed, has been successfully tested, that the Project is capable of providing speeds of up to 1 gigabyte, and the Project is available to offer service to any and all locations in the Project area.
3. Iowa County and MHTC both agree to provide and share with each other, on a timely basis, the necessary reporting information required to justify and use, or be reimbursed by, the ARPA funding or any other funding source.
4. Additional terms and conditions between the parties will be included in a separate Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement, to be developed and executed after the successful awarding of the ARPA grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Iowa County Administrator is hereby authorized to review, modify, and approve any further Grant Application revisions necessary to complete the Grant Application so that it may be timely filed with the PSCW.

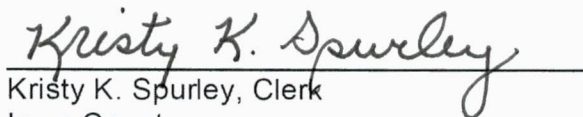
Respectfully submitted by the Executive Committee.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of July, 2021.



John M. Meyers, Chairman
Iowa County Board of Supervisors

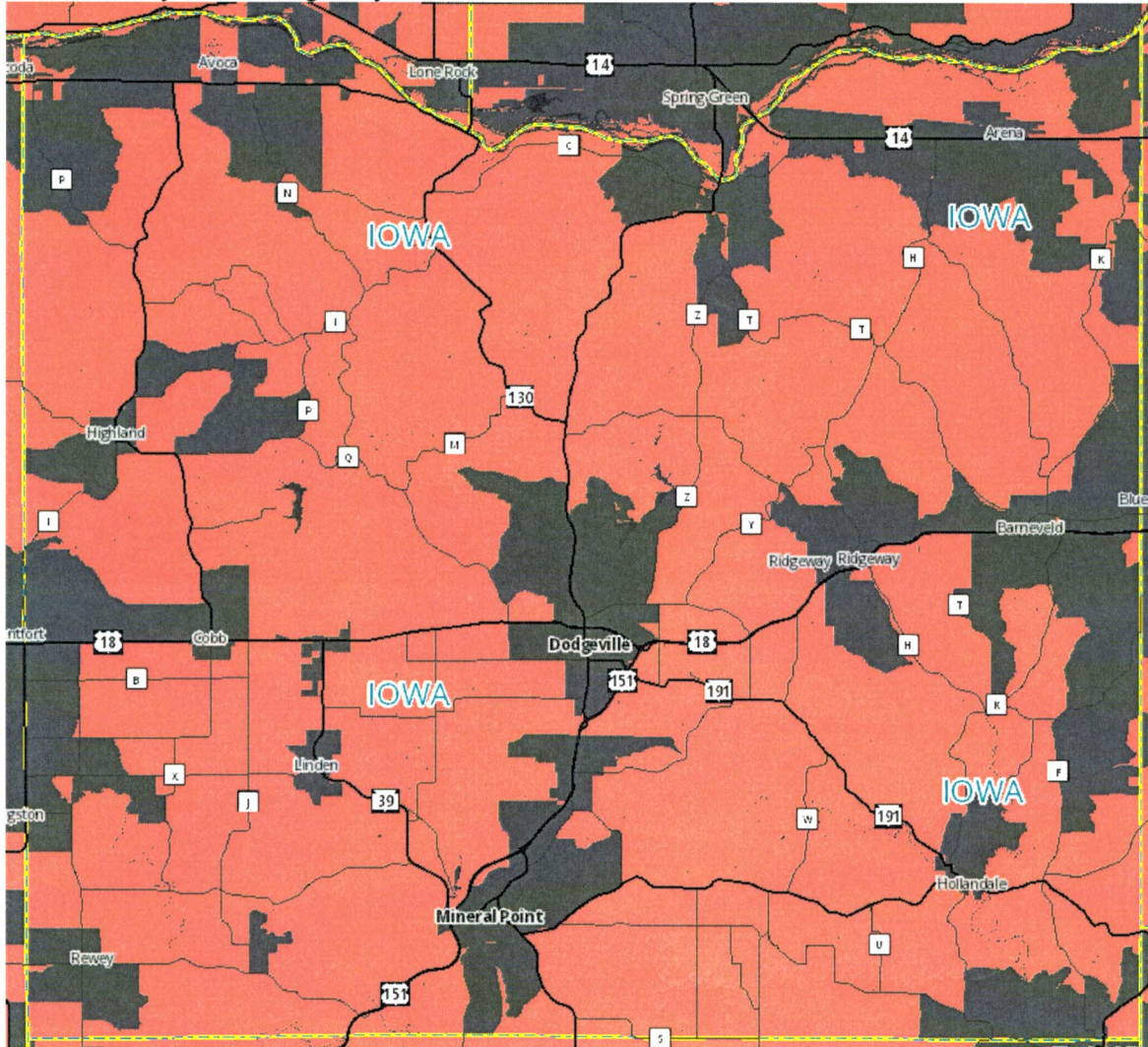
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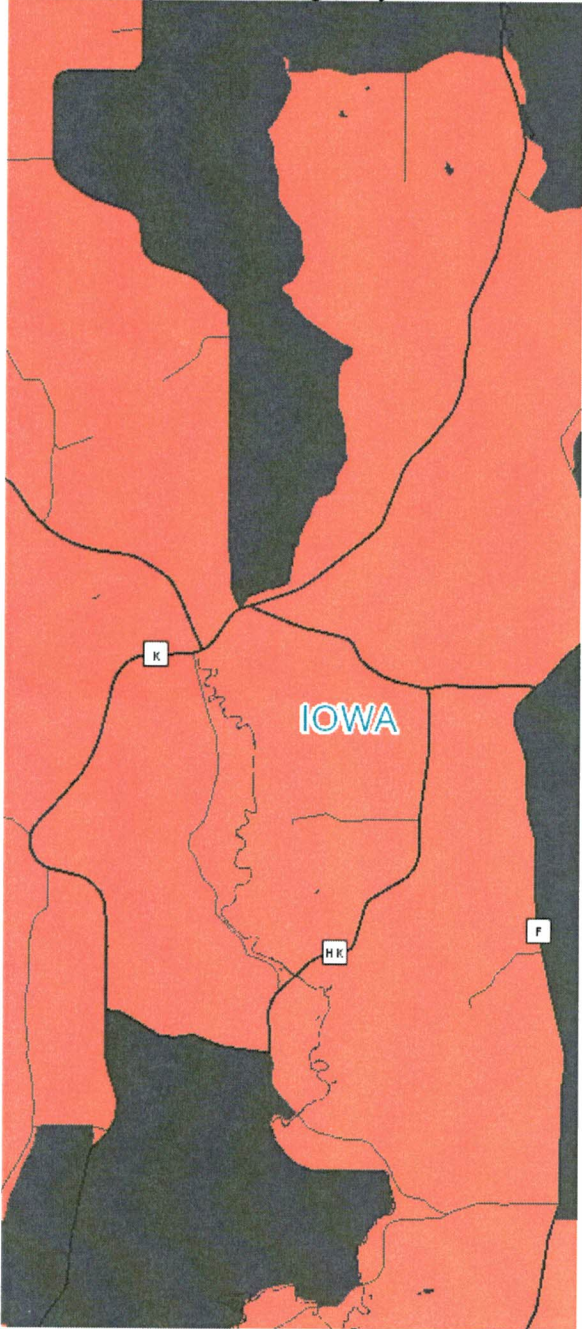
Kristy K. Spurley, Clerk
Iowa County

Exhibit A

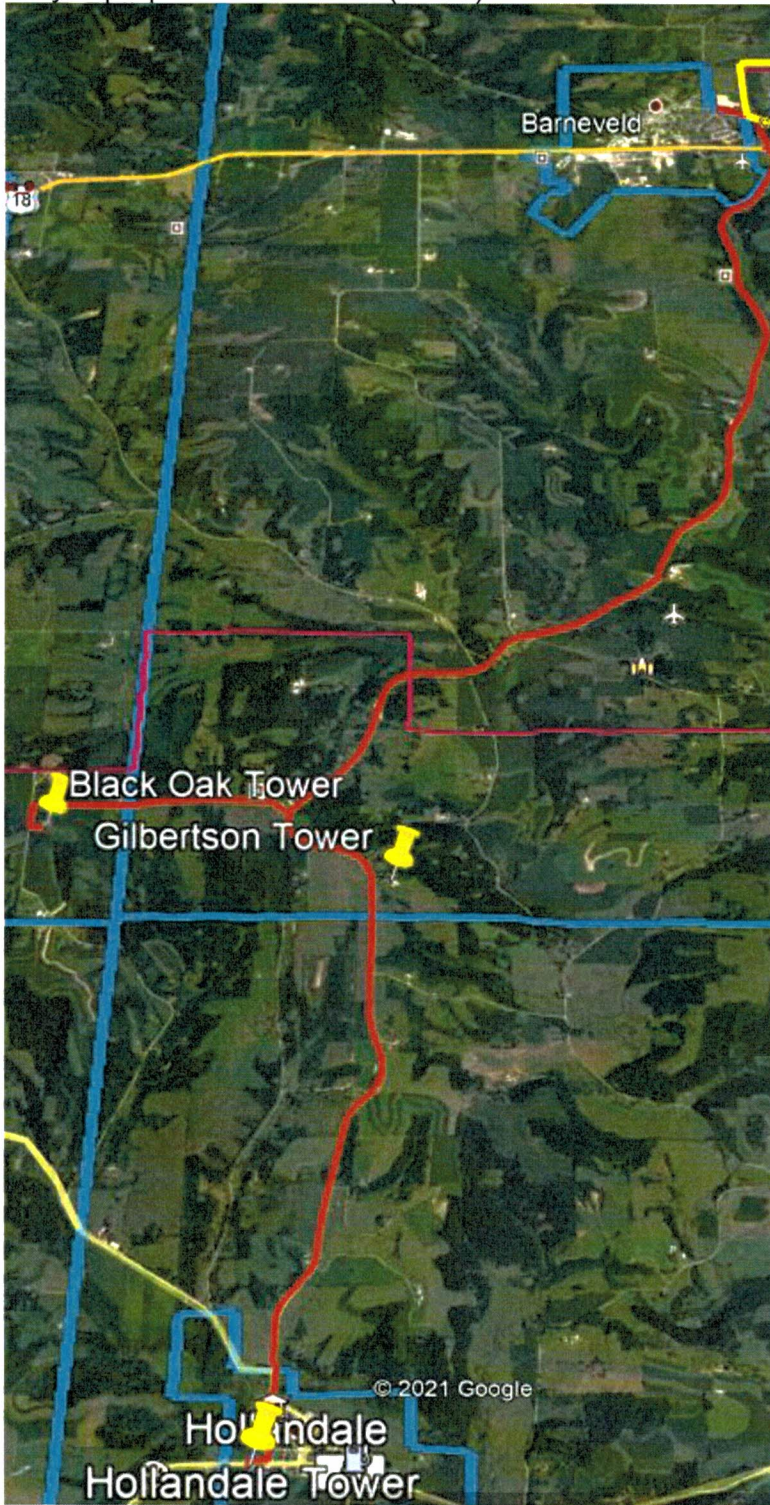
Iowa County ARPA eligibility



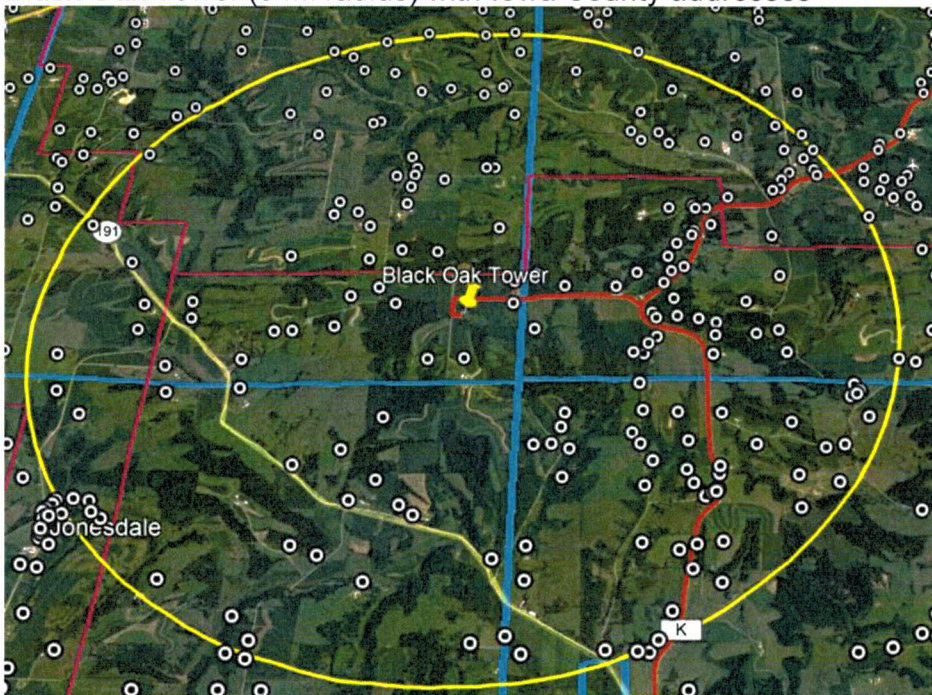
Hwy K project area eligibility



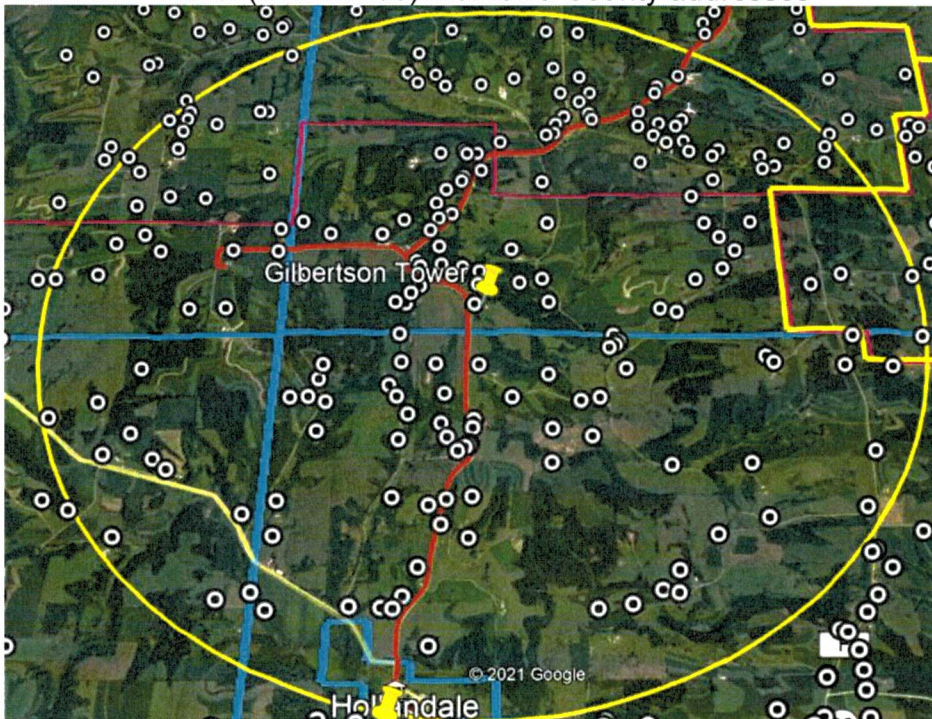
Hwy K proposed fiber route (in red)



Black Oak Tower (3 mi radius) with Iowa County addresses



Gilbertson Tower (3 mi radius) with Iowa County addresses



Hollandale Tower (3 mi radius) with Iowa County addresses

