

RESOLUTION NO. 8-322

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN
BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATIONS AND MATCHING FUNDS COMMITMENT
FOR BROADBAND PROJECTS**

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 March 15, 2022, Iowa County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with MH Telecom, 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, which includes Grant Applications for three separate projects (“Grant Application Projects 1, 2, and 3”) 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 Applications require that PPP partners make a commitment of matching funds for their proposed broadband projects; and

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

WHEREAS, MHTC estimates that portion of Project 1 geographically located in Iowa County will cost \$7,972,400.00 (“Estimated Project Cost”). MHTC intends to request 75% of the Estimated Project Cost in its application to the Grant Program for Project 1. MHTC estimates that the Estimated Project Cost for Project 2 will be \$1,220,810.00. MHTC intends to request 60% of the Estimated Project Cost in its application to the Grant Program for Project 2. MHTC estimates that the Estimated Project Cost for Project 3 will be \$260,132.62. MHTC intends to request 50% of the Estimated Project Cost in its application to the Grant Program for Project 3. MHTC will fund, or obtain funding through partners, consumers, and matching funding, for the remaining funding for each project not covered by the Grant Program.

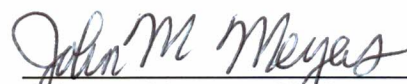
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that Iowa County's commitment of matching funds to support the Grant Applications shall be realized as follows:

1. In the Grant Applications, Iowa County's share of the matching contribution will be in an amount not to exceed the following for the County:
 - a. Grant Application Project 1, if the project is awarded by the PSCW, Iowa County agrees to fund \$597,930.00 towards the portion of the project geographically located within Iowa County;
 - b. Grant Application Project 2, if the project is awarded by the PSCW, Iowa County agrees to fund \$146,497.00; and
 - c. Grant Application Project 3, if the project is awarded by the PSCW, Iowa County agrees to fund \$38,117.00.
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 Projects from the PSCW Grant Program;
 - b. MHTC completes construction of the Projects by the end of the 2025 calendar year; and
 - c. MHTC provides to the County a statement from a person authorized by MHTC to do so that the each 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 PSCW grant 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 PSCW 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 Applications so that they may be timely filed with the PSCW.

Respectfully submitted by the Executive Committee.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of March, 2022.



John M. Meyers, Chairman
Iowa County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Kristy K. Spurley

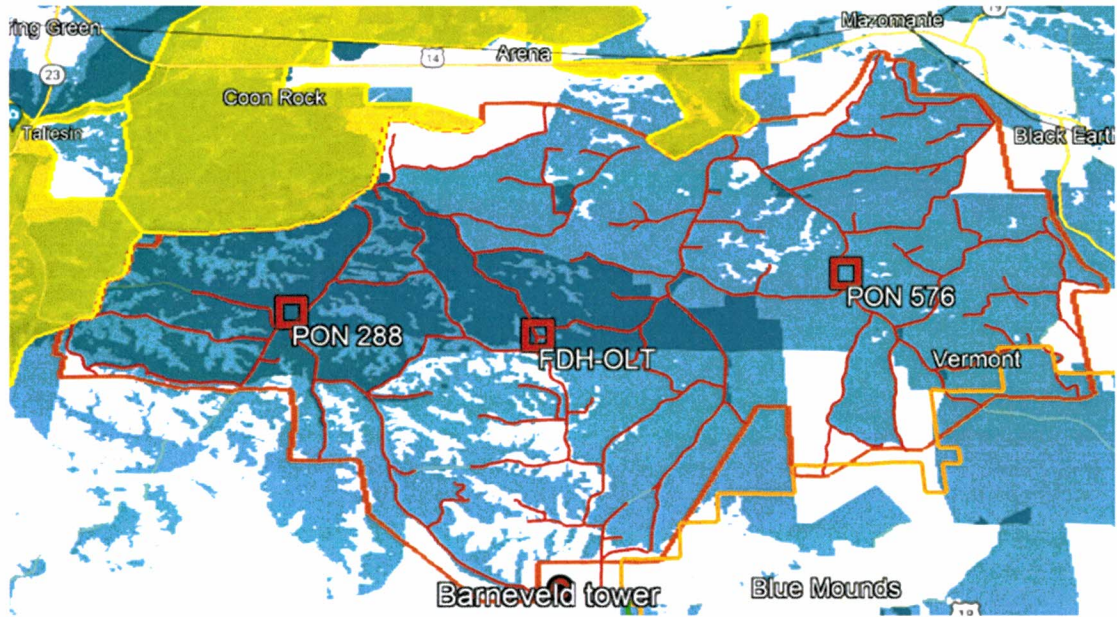
Kristy K. Spurley, Clerk
Iowa County

Exhibit A

Grant Application Project #1

The below map identifies unserved/underserved areas per PSC mapping:

- The dark blue shaded area is unserved territory
- The light blue shaded area is underserved territory
- The dark orange outline is the proposed grant area



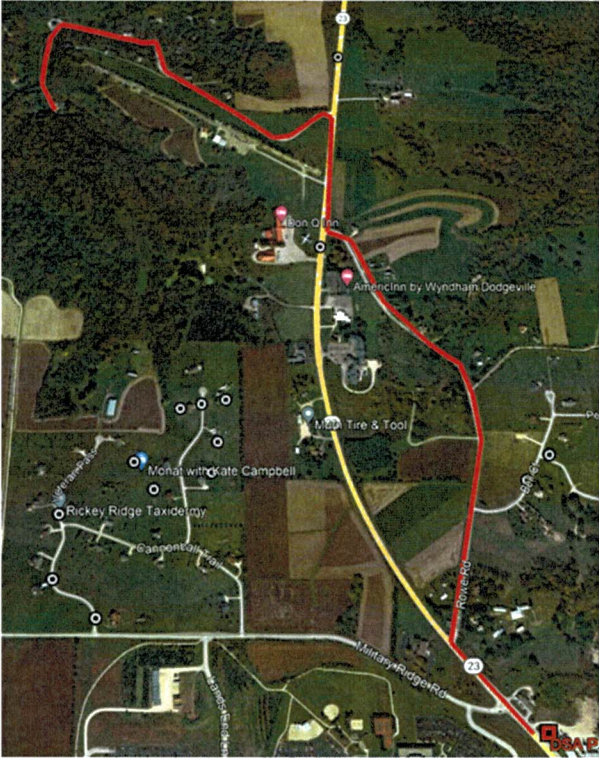
Grant Application Project #2

The map on the right identifies mainline fiber distribution for Hwy K South proposed grant area with fixed wireless towers

- The green line indicates the project mainline fiber route
- Fixed Wireless towers indicated with red circle
- You will notice that the majority of this area is considered served which MHTC is prepared to challenge



Grant Application Project #3



The map to the left indicates mainline fiber distribution for the proposed Green Leaf Glen project.

The map below indicates the area is considered served and MHTC is prepared to challenge this

