

IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RESOLUTION 3-0121

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING FIBER ACCESS  
ACROSS WISCONSIN RIVER

**WHEREAS**, for several years, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors has set the goal of expanding rural access to high speed internet; and

**WHEREAS**, Sauk County has a fiber ring that if accessible, could connect Iowa County to prospective Internet Service Providers not otherwise present in Iowa County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin River, a natural barrier, exists between Iowa and Sauk County and this barrier limits Iowa County's access to the Sauk County fiber ring; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa County Board finds it necessary to secure a river crossing to encourage Internet Service Providers with the opportunity to serve Iowa County with high speed internet; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The Iowa County Board hereby directs the County Administrator to utilize all contacts and relationships to pursue a partnership that would create a new fiber line river crossing for high speed internet access. The County Administrator hereby has until May 31, 2021 to complete this new partnership for the County Board to consider.
2. Should the County Administrator be unsuccessful in creating said new partnership, Iowa County shall contact existing internet providers and consider a lease arrangement to ensure no fewer than 24 fiber pairs are secured as incentives for future expansion of Internet Service Providers into Iowa County. The County Administrator hereby has until July 31, 2021 to complete this lease effort.
3. Should the County Administrator be unsuccessful in securing the needed partnerships or a lease for existing fiber lines crossing the Wisconsin River in the required timelines, Iowa County shall bid out the prospective public improvement and bring said bids to the County Board for consideration on or before September 30, 2021.

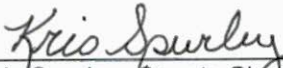
**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that:

It is understood that this public improvement is of great value to the future expansion of High Speed Internet connectivity and that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors will be making a significant advancement in their annual goal of expanding rural access to high speed internet by securing said river crossing.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
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John M. Meyers, Iowa County Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Kris Spurley, County Clerk