



Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2022 – 173

Administrative Committee

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND THE COUNTY OF SALEM FOR THE
CUMBERLAND COUNTY/SALEM COUNTY BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland and the County of Salem desire to enter into a partnership to create, implement and develop affordable, reliable broadband internet connectivity to residents of Cumberland and Salem Counties; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish these initiatives with respect to economic development and redevelopment, the parties seek to engage in strategic planning and collaboration, as described herein, once projects are identified; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish these initiatives related to broadband connectivity, Cumberland County and Salem County propose to seek and foster public/private partnerships, which will be able to create a regional network that will create technological advantages for various public sectors, including education, employment, economic development, and commercial business opportunity; and

WHEREAS, a regional broadband project will ensure consistency, coordination and implementation with proposed emergency services communications projects; and

WHEREAS, the counties have determined that ARPA funds will be utilized to leverage other funding; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County is capable of acting as the lead agency to provide the services described herein and desires to do so; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to identify efficiencies, economies of scale and cost saving measures, Cumberland County and Salem County have discussed specific areas where services can be shared; and

WHEREAS, to that end, Cumberland County and Salem County have negotiated this Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cumberland and the County of Salem ("Agreement") with respect to the services described herein; and

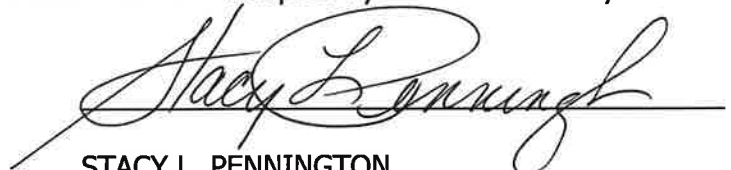
WHEREAS, the Parties have the legal authority to enter into this Agreement under the Uniform Shared Service and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65 et seq. (the "Act").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners that the Commissioner Director and the Clerk of the Board are authorized to sign the Shared Services Agreement with the County of Cumberland for the Broadband Connectivity Project.



BENJAMIN H. LAURY, Director of the Board of County Commissioners

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on April 20, 2022.



STACY L. PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
G. Ostrum, Jr.	✓		✓			
E. Ramsay			✓			
L. Ware		✓	✓			
R.S. Griscom			✓			
B. Laury			✓			