



Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2022 – 346

Administrative Committee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION'S MIDDLE MILE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of Salem desires to construct a middle-mile Broadband infrastructure network in the County to increase high-speed internet access and provider competition for the residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Salem wishes to join in partnership with the County of Cumberland to extend the middle-mile Broadband infrastructure network throughout both counties; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA") has opened the Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Grant ("MMG") competitive grant program to provide funds for middle-mile broadband infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the Counties desire to collaboratively apply to the NTIA MMG program for Federal Assistance to construct the above-mentioned Broadband infrastructure network at an estimated cost of approximately \$30,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the NTIA MMG program requires a commitment of matching funds in an amount of at least thirty percent of the total eligible project cost; and

WHEREAS, required matching funds may involve a combination of in-kind and cash match, where such cash match shall be subject to appropriation of sufficient funds by the Board of County Commissioners upon acceptance of any grant award and its terms and conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners this 21st Day of September 2022, as follows:

1. That the County of Salem does hereby authorize the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration for the Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program.
2. That the County of Salem intends to authorize the provision of matching funds to be shared with the County of Cumberland, whereby the portion of the matching funds provided by the County of Salem will not exceed \$6,000,000.00, contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds that may be approved by this Board at the time of grant acceptance.

3. That the Director of the Board and the Clerk of the Board or their successors in said titles shall be authorized to execute said grant application and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.



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 September 21, 2022.



STACY L. PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

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

✓ Indicates Vote

Department Initials ppf/COB