



Board of County Commissioners

Administrative Committee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE "INTENT TO APPLY" FOR THE NEW JERSEY BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT EQUITY (NJBIDE) PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury provided \$50 million in Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund ("CPF") monies to the State of New Jersey, as established by Section 604 of the Social Security Act and as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey created a spending plan to invest these monies into broadband infrastructure projects that will provide high-quality internet to locations that lack access to adequate service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this plan the State of New Jersey created the New Jersey Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Equity ("NJBIDE") pilot program as a competitive grant program designed to connect areas with limited or no access to reliable broadband internet; and

WHEREAS, this program is designed to provide internet service with symmetrical upload and download speeds of 100 Mbps upon project completion; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is requesting notices of "Intent to Apply" from interested, eligible entities for the NJBIDE pilot program that are due November 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Salem County Board of County Commissioners are desirous of applying for this funding to help address limited to no broadband access for its under- and un-served residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

- 1. That the Director, Clerk to this Board, and/or the County Administrator are hereby authorized to submit to the State of New Jersey its "Intent to Apply" for the NJBIDE program.
2. That County staff will work to determine the scope of any submission in specificity, should it be permitted to submit a formal application for funding beyond this "Intent to Apply".

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on October 16, 2024.

Signature of Stacy L. Pennington, Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

Table with 7 columns: COMMISSIONER, RESOLUTION MOVED, RESOLUTION SECOND, AYE, NAY, ABSTAIN, ABSENT. Rows include E. Ramsay, C. Taylor, D. Timmerman, G. Ostrum Jr., and B. Laury.

✓ Indicates Vote

Department Initials \_\_\_\_\_