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MEETING NOTICE

To comply with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.265):

Roscommon County Board of Commissioners
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Meeting notice posted on County Website: www.roscommoncounty.net

Will hold a Special Meeting of the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners

On Monday, August 16, 2021

At 2:00 p.m.

This is a hybrid meeting to be held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon, MI 48653 and via ZOOM.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88372496927?pwd=aTRucmd6SzBPVGNZTFJHM2ICS5HFNdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 7249 6927

Passcode: 675602

The purpose of the meeting is regarding the American Rescue Plan funding match for the NTIA Broadband Federal Grant.

Roscommon County will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as hand signers for the hearing impaired, audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon two weeks notice to Roscommon County. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Roscommon County and leave a message which includes (1) who you are/how to contact you, (2) what meeting and date you wish to attend, (3) what aid you are requesting. Contact: Roscommon County Clerk, phone (989) 275-5923; U.S. mail, 500 Lake St., Roscommon, MI 48653; email clerk@roscommoncounty.net.

This notice was posted by Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk, to comply with Sections 4 and 5 of Michigan Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.265) at 1:15 p.m., August 13th, 2021 on the entry door at the main entrance, and at the clerk's office at least 18 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

I, Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk, certify that the foregoing notice has been posted as specified above in accordance with the Michigan Public Act (MCL 15.265) as amended.


Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk



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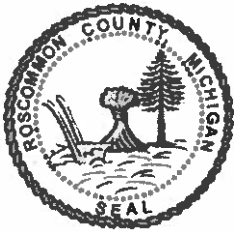
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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA AUGUST 16, 2021

2:00 P.M. HYBRID ACCESSIBLE IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM

1. Meeting Called to Order by Robert E. Schneider – 2:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Comment – Agenda Items Only – Please limit to 5 minutes/person
6. New Business
 - a. American Rescue Plan funding match for the NTIA Broadband Federal Grant
7. Motions/Resolutions
8. Public Comment – Please limit to 5 minutes/person
9. Adjournment



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RESOLUTIONS

1. Motion to adopt Resolution #2021-08-02 “American Rescue Plan Funding Match for the NTIA Broadband Federal Grant Application”:

WHEREAS, reliable, high speed, affordable access to the internet is imperative for Roscommon County residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, schools and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the internet is changing how humans interact with each other and with the world at large, as well as being a driving force for the current and future economy; and

WHEREAS, the internet creates opportunity for increased innovation for consumers, businesses and government; and

WHEREAS, countries, states, counties and municipalities that prioritize and provide access to advanced internet infrastructure such as fiber, are surpassing those that do not in terms of social, economic and knowledge development; and

WHEREAS, Roscommon County must plan and prioritize for the deployment and adoption of this infrastructure including but not limited to pursuing collaborations and partnerships in the effort to effectively achieve greater access to affordable high speed internet throughout the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners acknowledges that access to the internet is a crucial part of the Roscommon County mission to provide leadership, cooperation with all units of government, sound fiscal management, and planning thereby promoting public safety, health, well-being and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners in partnership with Cherry Capital Connection, LLC., to assist with the expansion of broadband throughout Roscommon County, allocates \$1.2 million from the American Rescue Plan Funding as matching funds for the NTIA Broadband Federal Grant. Allocated funds will be payable in 9 month increments beginning September 2021.



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2. Motion to authorize Chairman Robert E. Schneider to sign the letter of commitment on behalf of the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners with regard to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Federal Grant application.



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August 16, 2021

Ms. Jennifer Duane
Senior Broadband Program Specialist
NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Program -21
Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Dear Ms. Duane,

On Behalf of the County of Roscommon in Michigan, I submit this letter of commitment as it relates to the Roscommon Broadband Initiative and its NTIA application. Roscommon County is committed to working closely with its partner, Cherry Capital Connection LLC to extend broadband to underserved areas of Roscommon County. Cherry Capital Connection LLC will design and execute the construction of additional broadband in Roscommon County.

Roscommon County is the applicant for the NTIA grant. It will faithfully execute the funding allocated and hire Cherry Capital Connection LLC to perform the construction duties of the project. Roscommon County will be the fiscal agent of the grant funding received and it will be the administrator of the grant. The County will provide the Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration with updates and reports as are required of the grant and will act as a good steward of the funds. In addition, Roscommon County will communicate regularly with Cherry Capital Connection LLC in regard to the progress of the construction and ensure that timelines are met.

Should you require additional information regarding the role of Roscommon County in the NTIA grant please don't hesitate to contact me at 989-275-7861.

Thank you for considering our NTIA grant application.

Best regards,

Robert E. Schneider
Chairperson, Roscommon County