

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Sup. Dave Homan  
INITIATED BY

County Board Staff Committee  
SUBMITTED BY



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DRAFTED BY

February 11, 2021  
DATE DRAFTED

**In Support of Legislation to Allow for Greater Broadband Expansion**

1 **WHEREAS**, a recent state report titled “Rural Voices for Prosperity A Report of the Governors Blue  
2 Ribbon Commission on Rural Prosperity contained many recommendations applicable to the state of  
3 or lack of broadband access throughout Rock County; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Rural Voices for Prosperity Report included the following recommendations, many  
6 of which legislative action will be necessary and include:

- 7 **A. Set a bold, public goal for bringing high performance broadband to all of Wisconsin.**
- 8 **B. Boost the funding for existing state assistance to rural broadband.**
- 9 **C. Create a method to hold providers accountable for the broadband service they claim to**  
10 **provide.**
- 11 **D. Provide more broadband technical assistance to communities.**
- 12 **E. Ensure broadband coverage maps are accurate.**
- 13 **F. Review and consider revising state rules that make it complicated for communities and**  
14 **local leaders to take broadband action on their own.**
- 15 **G. Explore and share “how-to” ideas from the “doer” rural Wisconsin communities and**  
16 **from what other states are doing; and,**

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18 **WHEREAS**, the broadband service in Rock County is partially underserved, underserved and not  
19 serviced in 53% of the County’s square miles affecting approximately 20,301 or 12% of the County’s  
20 total population (per 2020 broadband application to state to serve Rock County, supplied by Bug  
21 Tussel Wireless).  
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly  
24 assembled this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, does hereby support the broadband  
25 recommendations contained in the Rural Voices for Prosperity Report and urge the State of Wisconsin  
26 Legislature to approve these as a means of providing meaningful broadband expansion.  
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28 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors shall push for all possible avenues to  
29 provide all citizens of Rock County with reliable, high-speed internet service.

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Respectfully submitted:

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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee  
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FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith  
County Administrator