## Motion By:

Second By:

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	Ν	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Anderson-Malm			
3	McCrank			
4	Osness			
5	Wendorf			
6	Ashbeck			
7	Rusch			
8	Thiel			
9	Friske			
10	Boyd			
11	Detert			
12	DePasse			
13	Callahan			
14	Hafeman			
15	Lemke			
16	Loka			
17	Meunier			
18	Wickham			
19	Allen			
20	Cummings			
21	Simon			
22	Hartwig			
	Totals			
	Carried			
	Defeated			
	Amended			
	Voice vote			
	Roll call			

## STATE OF WISCONSIN )

) SS COUNTY OF LINCOLN )

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

> Christopher J. Marlowe Lincoln County Clerk

## RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., APPLICATION FOR A WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2023 STATE BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT TO INCREASE BROADBAND SERVICE AND AVAILABILITY IN LINCOLN COUNTY

WHEREAS, much of Lincoln County is unserved or underserved by Broadband telecommunications service; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Lincoln County's full- and part-time population resides in rural areas of the County that are unserved or underserved by Broadband telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, Broadband telecommunications service is essential for economic development; business; entrepreneurship; commerce; education; medicine; health care; recreation; tourism; delivery of private, public, and government services; enhanced productivity and efficiency; and improving quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors has adopted Lincoln County Ordinance 2023 02-XX, BROADBAND FORWARD! ORDINANCE, and is in the process of applying to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for certification as a Broadband Forward! Community under Wis. Stat. 196.504(4); and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors has adopted Lincoln County Resolution 2023-02-XX, IN SUPPORT OF TELECOMMUTING OPPORTUNITIES AND TELECOMMUTER FORWARD! CERTIFICATION, and is in the process of applying to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for Telecommuter Forward! Certification under Wis. Stat. 196.5045; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors is committed to making broadband available for every residence, business, and address, in the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors order:

1. The Director of Finance to allocate \$200,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation as matching funds to support the Charter Communications, Inc., Application for a Wisconsin Public Service Commission Fiscal Year 2023 State Broadband Expansion Grant project in the Towns of Pine River, Russell, and Schley in Lincoln County; and

2. The Lincoln County Broadband Committee to serve as the County's primary point of contact for the Charter Communications, Inc., Application for a Wisconsin Public Service Commission Fiscal Year 2023 State Broadband Expansion Grant and any resulting Broadband Expansion Grant Award; and

3. Lincoln County department heads to collaborate with the Lincoln County Broadband Committee, as reasonable and feasible, to provide in-kind contributions in support of the Charter Communications, Inc., grant application and/or grant award. In-kind contributions may include but are not limited to: expediting permit application processes and approvals; coordinating with local units of government to gather and share information about zoning, permitting, and other construction requirements; coordinating and collaborating with local stakeholders; and assisting with media outreach and public involvement activities.

Dated: February 20, 2023

Authored by: Ken Wickham, Supervisor Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings, Supervisor, Randy Detert, Supervisor, Laurie Thiel, Supervisor Committee: Administrative and Legislative Committee Committee Vote: 6-0 Date Passed: February 1, 2023 Fiscal Impact: \$200,000 in FY2023 Drafted by: Ken Wickham, Lincoln County Supervisor, District 18 Charter Communications 2023 Broadband Expansion Grant Application Proposed Areas of Coverage in the Towns of Pine River, Russell, and Schley in Lincoln County (project to cover areas within yellow borders)

