

# Resolution

**Re: Vermilion County Board Supporting Rural Broadband Development in Vermilion County**

WHEREAS, broadband networks and services drive robust, resilient, and effective societies and economies; and

WHEREAS, broadband is essential for life tasks including emergency response, education, workforce, healthcare, and is a fundamental element of an inclusive and sustainable world; and

WHEREAS, broadband service is not broadly available in rural areas or low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, broadband service is not available in those areas due to the high cost of building the necessary infrastructure, particularly critical fiber optic cables, across sparsely populated areas of the county that do not have a high population density; and

WHEREAS, it is clear that in order to achieve the goals adopted by Vermilion County, the State of Illinois and the Office of Broadband, there must be a collaborative effort by the State of Illinois, Local Governments, including Vermilion County and Local Providers; and

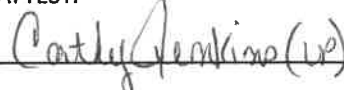
NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Vermilion County Board fully supports any grant applications submitted for broadband upgrades within Vermilion County and encourages the Illinois Office of Broadband to approve said applications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Vermilion County is hereby directed to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the Illinois Office of Broadband.

PRESENTED, PASSED AND APPROVED by the Vermilion County Board on this 8th day of October, 2024.

Ayes 22 Nays 0

ATTEST:

  
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Cathy Jenkins, Vermilion County Clerk

  
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Larry Baughn, Vermilion County Board Chairman

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