

SPECIAL SESSION-MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

The Yates County Legislature convened in special session Monday, August 7, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. with Vice Chair Bronson presiding, Chairwoman Church on Zoom, and Mr. Jayne & Mr. Killen absent.

Legislative Zoom Attendees: 1 Other Zoom Attendees: 0

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RESOLUTION 352-23

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Paddock.

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN THE USDA RECONNECT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING AMENDED GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, access to high-speed broadband internet is essential for the economic development, education, healthcare, and overall well-being of the residents of Yates County; and

WHEREAS, Yates County was awarded and accepted a USDA ReConnect 1 grant in an ongoing effort to bring affordable, reliable, high speed internet to every resident in the county; and

WHEREAS, during the first several years of the execution of this grant program, owing to a number of factors outside the county's control, costs rose significantly, and delays were wide spread across the telecommunications industry; and

WHEREAS, the USDA, seeing these ongoing issues took the unprecedented step of offering ReConnect 1 grant recipients the opportunity to ask for additional funding, without an increase match, and an additional year to complete the program; and

WHEREAS, Yates County requested an additional \$3,925,854 in supplemental funding and the additional year to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, Yates County has been awarded \$3,202,512 along with the additional year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County accepts the additional \$3,202,512 in no match USDA Grant funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Yates County also accepts the new completion date of January 5th, 2027, six years from the original release of funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the RUS project designation has been changed to NY1702-A61&A75; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to sign the document titled " ReCONNECT PROGRAM GRANT AND SECURITY

AMENDMENT dated as of July 27, 2023 between YATES COUNTY and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;” and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Yates County Administrator, in coordination with the appropriate county departments, is authorized to receive and administer the USDA supplemental funding for the Broadband ReConnect Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the acceptance of the USDA supplemental funding for the Broadband ReConnect Project is subject to the successful completion of any necessary paperwork and agreements with the USDA, ensuring the county's adherence to the program guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Planner, the Director of Finance, the County Administrator, and the USDA.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.