

1. Yates County Broadband Committee (YCBC) Vision/Mission/Values & Guiding Criteria/Roles & Responsibilities

Broadband Vision Statement: All residents and businesses will have access to affordable, reliable, high speed internet service so that we improve the lives of residents and viability of businesses and expand opportunities for all.

Broadband Mission Statement: Continually expand access of affordable, reliable, high speed broadband internet to residents and businesses of Yates County.

Initiatives to achieve the vision include:

1. Finding a cost effective solution for providing access to high-speed internet service for our unserved and underserved rural citizens and businesses where no premise too small or too remote.
2. Promoting competition in the residential and commercial broadband markets
3. Providing ancillary internet services to County residents and businesses (webmail, hosting, etc.)
4. Monitoring service levels to County residents

Core Values: The YC Core Values (Accountability, Continuous Improvement, Fiscal Responsibility, Integrity, Respect, Stewardship, Teamwork)

Guiding Criteria to guide County-wide investments and partnerships in broadband:

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| 1. Performance including Speed, Reliability and Customer Service | 4. Privacy |
| 2. Affordability | 5. Open internet |
| 3. Choice | 6. Breadth of service options |

Roles and Responsibilities

1. **Yates County Legislature:** The Legislative body of the County consists of 14 elected representatives of their respective districts. Role/ Responsibilities for the Legislature is the direction of County policy related to the Broadband initiative, review and act upon recommendations of the YCBC, and to authorize legislation and/or resolutions to achieve those goals. The Legislature in effect is acting as the sponsor (by seeking and acquiring funding) and facilitator for this effort.
2. **Yates County Broadband Committee (YCBC):** A committee consisting of Legislative and administrative representation, Finger Lakes Economic Development Council representation, members from the public with business/ technical background and staff with technical and project management experience. Role/ Responsibilities for this committee are to review the information brought to it by the “Core Team” in order to provide recommendations to the Legislature as needed.
3. **Core Team** consists of members from the County staff that work the “day to day” aspects of the Project. Members include County Administrator, IT Director, County Planner and Specialist – Projects and Grants. They interact directly with agencies (USDA) and entities involved in the effort to provide broadband access. The team is responsible for developing materials and documents needed for the project (RFI’s, RFP’s), and managing the administrative tasks required to comply with the USDA/RUS Contract requirements for construction. Role/responsibilities are to provide information and updates to the main YCBC members for their review.

ReConnect Project Team: Reporting: The YCBC to provide a report at each Finance Committee meeting.

Project Update cont.

2. STN Board Ready Study

- a. Fujitsu Engineering has been sharing deliverables with the STN Board.
- b. Full report to be delivered October 14
- c. YCBC will review completed study while continuing to advance Yates County independently AND trying to keep synergies

3. Business Model

- a. RFI (Request for Information) for the Business Model sent out on September 18 to 12 ISP's/entities (Armstrong, Charter (Spectrum), Empire, FirstLight, Frontier, GreenLight, Haeefele, OTTC, Plexicomm, RuralNet, STN, Verizon)
- b. Response deadline October 16
- c. No responses received yet but positive interactions with Empire, OTTC and Plexicomm
- d. Next steps: assess responses; possible 1:1 negotiations and/or RFP; recommendation to Finance (November tbd)

4. Engineering Firm

- a. RFP (Request for Proposal) for Engineering sent out on September 25 to 13 Firms (Fujitsu, Hunt, Maverick, Mountain, OTTC, Black & Veatch, CHR Solutions, Engineering Associates, Heberley, Mid-State Consultants, Monte R. Lee, Vantage Point, Yates Engineering)
- b. Response deadline October 25
- c. Next steps: assess responses; interview finalist prospers; recommendation/County decision; execute contract (mid-November)

5. Construction

- a. Goal to start Construction Spring 2021

ReConnect Address Points –

1. This map indicates a red point on each parcel* included in our ReConnect PFSA's (Reminder: Proposed Funded Service Area's are the locations where ReConnect Grant funding can be used.)
2. Available on the Yates County Internet ReConnect Project page
3. Encourage residents and businesses to contact Dan Long (dlong@yatescounty.org, 315-536-5543) or Marian Walrath (mwalrath@gmail.com, 315-531-3213) with questions and requests
4. *Note: the map includes most but NOT ALL included parcels

