



Rowan County Board of Commissioners

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A RESOLUTION

YADKIN VALLEY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION ("YADKIN VALLEY") TO PROVIDE CERTAIN COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 TO PARTNER WITH YADKIN VALLEY TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF ROWAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Broadband service is vital to the economic development of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") provided funding to Rowan County, which can be used to promote broadband services; and

WHEREAS, Yadkin Valley is a retail provider of communications services including the provision of broadband services to portions of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, intends to apply for a grant under the North Carolina Growing Rural Areas Through Access Through Technology Act ("GREAT Act") to provide broadband services to identified unserved areas of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, Rowan County strongly supports the grant application of Yadkin Valley; and

WHEREAS, if Yadkin Valley is selected by the North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office to receive State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Rowan County project, then Rowan County will contribute a portion of its ARPA funds, up to \$1,987,137, to support the project based on the total amount awarded by the state; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure to be completed shall be owned and operated by Yadkin Valley.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners that:

1. Rowan County offers a partnership agreement to Yadkin Valley for the expressed purpose of supporting Yadkin Valley's GREAT Act application to construct fiber to the home broadband services for specified unserved areas of Rowan County as agreed upon by the County and Yadkin Valley.
2. Should the GREAT grant application be successfully awarded to Yadkin Valley, Rowan County shall contribute their match portion, up to \$1,987,137, from the County's ARPA funds to the project.
3. The broadband services and infrastructure related thereto shall be owned and operated by Yadkin Valley.

Adopted this 21th day of March 2022.

ATTEST:

Gregory C. Edds, Chairman

Carolyn Barger, Clerk to the Board

