

**SPECIAL SESSION
of the
JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

July 15, 2021

The Special Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 1:15 P.M., on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at the Health and Human Services Building in the Black River Room by Chairman Ransom.

County Clerk, Cindy Altman, took roll call with 16 members present and 3 members absent (Supervisor Blaken, Supervisor Greendeer Rave and Supervisor Funmaker).

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

RESOLUTION NO. 36-07-2021

RE: Authorize Procedures and Approve Expenditures for American Rescue Plan Act Funds

WHEREAS, the 117th US Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (COVID-19 Stimulus Package), a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill, and President Biden signed this act into law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County has received and will receive funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County has been identified as being apportioned approximately \$4,003,583 in American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set up procedures to authorize the use of said funds pursuant to the US Treasury guidance and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Executive and Finance Committee recommends to have the County Board approve any projects in excess of \$50,000 and to authorize the Executive and Finance Committee to approve projects that are less than \$50,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive and Finance Committee to approve American Rescue Plan Act funds for projects that are less than \$50,000 with the County Board approving all projects in excess of \$50,000.

Respectfully Submitted:
Executive & Finance

s/Ray Ransom

s/Ron Carney
s/Jeff Amo
s/Karen Thayer
s/Roger Stevens

Supervisor Amo made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Voice vote was taken with 16 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION: 37-07-2021

**AUTHORIZING BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT APPLICATION/PARTNERSHIP
WITH HILBERT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

TO THE HONORABLE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, In order to address the substantial areas within Jackson County that are unserved or underserved with access to broadband, Jackson County, along with other community members created a Broadband Subcommittee to research and gather information to serve the broadband needs of its citizens and businesses, and to encourage providers to invest and provide those services in Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, Hilbert Communications, LLC ("Hilbert"), and its subsidiary broadband wireless internet service provider company, Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC ("Bug Tussel"), desires to commence a project consisting of the construction and operation of certain wireless communication services and fiber optics to provide the most advanced infrastructure to the unserved and underserved residents of Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County desires to pursue Broadband Expansion Grants offered by and through the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission, among others; and

WHEREAS, Hilbert is willing and able to partner with Jackson County to provide the latest advancements in broadband coverage and to seek all available grants to provide and subsidize the cost of necessary broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County desires to pursue and apply for any and all grant money available for broadband coverage; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County and other community members considered Hilbert and Bug Tussel's proven track record of community partnerships and their proposal to expand broadband to unserved and underserved areas of Jackson County and hereby recommends partnering with Hilbert to pursue broadband expansion grants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board authorizes the application to the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission for broadband expansion grants in partnership with Hilbert; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the successful receipt of PSC grant funding, Jackson County, subject to further negotiations, will enter into a development agreement with Hilbert that shall finalize the budget and structure of party contributions for the project as set forth in the grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is authorized to do all such acts and to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents necessary or desirable to fulfill the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all prior acts, if any, taken by Jackson County in furtherance of the transactions contemplated by this resolution are hereby approved.

Executive & Finance Committee
s/Ray Ransom
s/Ron Carney
s/Jeff Amo
s/Karen Thayer
s/Roger Stevens

Supervisor Stevens made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Thayer. Voice vote was taken with 16 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION : 38-07-2021

AUTHORIZING BROADBAND MATCHING FUNDS FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION IN JACKSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC (“Bug Tussel”), desires to commence a project consisting of the construction and operation of certain wireless and fiber optic communications services to provide the most advanced infrastructure to unserved and underserved residents of the Jackson County;

WHEREAS, The Jackson County Board in recognition of the broadband underserved areas of its community, seeks to enter into a quasi-public/private venture to obtain, maintain and increase broadband coverage for the support of education, health care, growth of business, retention of existing business, tourism promotion, and overall economic vitality and sustainability;

WHEREAS, The Jackson County Board desires to support an ARPA Broadband Access Grant offered by and through the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission;

WHEREAS, Bug Tussel Wireless is willing and able to partner with the Jackson County Board to provide the latest advancements in broadband coverage and to seek all available grants to provide and subsidize the cost of necessary broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The Jackson County Board desires to pursue and make application for any and all grant money available for broadband coverage with the assistance of Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board authorizes the application to the State of Wisconsin Public Service for an ARPA Broadband Access Grant in partnership with Bug Tussel Wireless; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board will, upon approval of the grant application by the Public Service Commission and execution of a Development Agreement, provide matching funds in the amount of \$1,000,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Clerk is authorized to do all such acts and to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents as she may be authorized by the Jackson County Board to be necessary or desirable in order to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of these resolutions, and all of the acts of which are in conformity with the intent and purposes of these resolutions, whether previously or subsequently taken or done, are in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all prior acts, if any, taken by Jackson County in furtherance of the transactions contemplated by this resolution are hereby approved.

Executive & Finance Committee
s/Ray Ransom
s/Ron Carney
s/Jeff Amo
s/Karen Thayer
s/Roger Stevens

Supervisor Thayer made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Gearing Lancaster. Voice vote was taken with 16 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION : 39-07-2021

AUTHORIZING BROADBAND MATCHING FUNDS FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION IN TOWN OF ALMA, JACKSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, Tri-County Communications (TCC), desires to commence a project consisting of the construction and operation of certain wireless and fiber optic communications services to provide the most advanced infrastructure to unserved and underserved residents Town of Alma, Jackson County;

WHEREAS, The Jackson County Board in recognition of the broadband underserved areas of its community, seeks to enter into a quasi-public/private venture to obtain, maintain and increase broadband coverage for the support of education, health care, growth of business, retention of existing business, tourism promotion, and overall economic vitality and sustainability;

WHEREAS, The Jackson County Board desires to support an ARPA Broadband Access Grant offered by and through the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission;

WHEREAS, TCC is willing and able to partner with the Jackson County Board to provide the latest advancements in broadband coverage and to seek all available grants to provide and subsidize the cost of necessary broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The Jackson County Board desires to pursue and make application for any and all grant money available for broadband coverage with the assistance of TCC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board authorizes the application to the State of Wisconsin Public Service for an ARPA Broadband Access Grant in partnership with TCC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board will, upon approval of the grant application by the Public Service Commission and execution of a Development Agreement, provide matching funds in the amount of \$100,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Clerk is authorized to do all such acts and to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents as she may be authorized by the Jackson County Board to be necessary or desirable in order to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of these resolutions, and all of the acts of which are in conformity with the intent and purposes of these resolutions, whether previously or subsequently taken or done, are in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all prior acts, if any, taken by Jackson County in furtherance of the transactions contemplated by this resolution are hereby approved.

Executive & Finance Committee

s/Ray Ransom

s/Ron Carney

s/Jeff Amo

s/Karen Thayer

s/Roger Stevens

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Voice vote was taken with 16 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-07-2021

TO: HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: Resolution to Request American Rescue Fund Act Funding for Facilities Needs Study

WHEREAS, it has been reported to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office that our current jail has outlived its linear function and the Sheriff's Office is no longer able to get approval from the Jail Inspector to improve the facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has met with vendors willing to look at possible reconstruction or addition to the Sheriff's Office to meet the jail needs. Moving forward with this process a study would need to be conducted to look at available building area, needs of the jail, costs, operations and staffing levels; and,

WHEREAS, the Samuels Group has been recommended and utilized by numerous surrounding Counties and will provide thorough analysis and recommendations which will benefit to the command staff of the Sheriff's Office as well as documentation to present to the community and,

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Committee has reviewed the proposal presented by the Samuels Group and are in favor of moving forward with the study; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors authorizes that funds from the American Rescue Plan Act be utilized for the cost of the facilities needs study, not to exceed \$25,000.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jackson County Law
Enforcement Committee
s/Charles Jensen
s/Jeff Amo
s/Ray Ransom
s/Ron Carney

Jackson County Executive and
Finance Committee
s/Ray Ransom
s/Ron Carney
s/Jeff Amo
s/Karen Thayer
s/Roger Stevens

Supervisor Thayer made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Chamberlain. Voice vote was taken with 16 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:13 P.M.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF JACKSON)

I, Cindy Altman, County Clerk of said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and complete summary of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of Jackson County, Wisconsin, at its Special Session held on July 15, 2021.

Cindy Altman, County Clerk
Jackson County, Wisconsin

PER DIEM AND MILEAGE

<u>DISTRICT MEMBER</u>	<u>PER DIEM</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Karen Thayer	\$65.00	\$28.00	\$93.00
2. Alton Staff	\$65.00	\$24.08	\$89.08
3. Hoyt Strandberg	\$65.00	\$13.44	\$78.44
4. Roger Stevens	\$65.00	\$20.16	\$85.16
5. Thomas Clark	\$65.00	\$22.40	\$87.40
6. Larry Blaken	\$	\$	\$
7. Charles Jensen	\$65.00	\$10.08	\$75.08
8. Max Hart	\$65.00	\$ 7.84	\$72.84
9. Ray Ransom	\$65.00	\$12.88	\$77.88
10. Michelle Greendeer-Rave	\$	\$	\$
11. Isaiah Funmaker	\$	\$	\$
12. Ron Carney	\$65.00	\$22.68	\$87.68
13. Norman Stoker	\$65.00	\$ 1.68	\$66.68
14. John Higgins	\$65.00	\$ 2.24	\$67.24
15. Dennis Farnsworth	\$65.00	\$.14	\$65.14
16. Desiree Gearing-Lancaster	\$65.00	\$.56	\$65.56
17. Jeff Amo	\$65.00	\$ 1.12	\$66.12
18. Jerrold Schmidt	\$65.00	\$10.57	\$75.57
19. Ed Chamberlain	<u>\$65.00</u>	<u>\$10.64</u>	<u>\$75.64</u>
	\$1040.00	\$188.51	\$1228.51

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)ss
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

I, Cindy Altman, County Clerk of Jackson County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate claim for per diem and mileage of the County Board members, and further certify that the above members were present and the record of their presence may be found in the roll call of the proceedings of the Special Session of the County Board of Supervisors held on July 15, 2021.

Cindy Altman, County Clerk
Jackson County, Wisconsin

Approved by:

Committee on Approval of Journal

Ray Ransom

Jeff Amo

Ron Carney

Roger Stevens

Karen Thayer