

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a sub-committee of Commissioners were appointed to the Berrien County Broadband Internet Taskforce (BCBIT) and their work continues in an effort to expand the infrastructure, bringing Broadband to those unserved and underserved areas of Berrien County; and

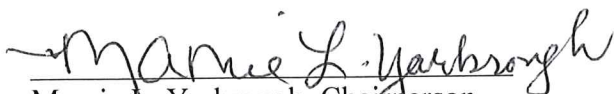
WHEREAS, at the recommendation of BCBIT, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners have contracted for multiple services related to this work, including a contract with DCS Technology Design, LLC to conduct a rural broadband inventory survey of the 2,300 road miles and 1,581 square miles across Berrien County in the amount of \$185,300 via resolution F2204255 dated April 28, 2022; and


WHEREAS, BCBIT now requests that DCS continue helping the County to navigate the grant programs now being offered by the State of Michigan and Federal government to include but not limited to providing technical support on the creation of the grant applications; and


WHEREAS, based on the "technical/specialized consulting services rational" the County Finance Committee approved Waiver #223-01-12-02 at their Thursday, January 12, 2023 meeting which authorizes paying DCS \$18,000 per month for a period of six months, with a possible extension of up to 12 months.

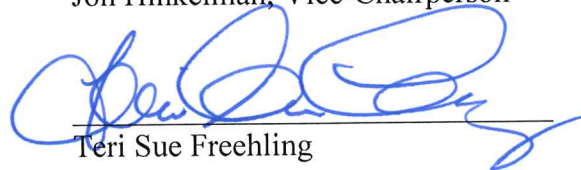
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the proposal from DCS Technology Design, LLC for technical support on the creation of grant applications related to broadband infrastructure and authorizes the County Administrator to move forward with the purchase order to the vendor.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**


Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson


Jon Hinkelman, Vice-Chairperson


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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM

Administrator		Date	1-18-23
Comments Attached			
Corporate Counsel	TH	Date	1/18/23
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