

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of Berrien County to provide leadership, cooperation with all units of government, sound fiscal management, and planning, thereby promoting public safety, health, well-being and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners, via resolution #F2203218, authorized the use of \$6 million dollars from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be used for the purposes of investing in broadband infrastructure in the underserved and unserved areas of Berrien County; and

**WHEREAS**, via Resolution #B2201191, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners established a grant application process that local municipalities could follow to apply for a portion of the \$6 million dollars for broadband infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Berrien County Broadband Internet Taskforce (BCBIT) receive and review the applications from local municipalities for use of those ARPA funds; and

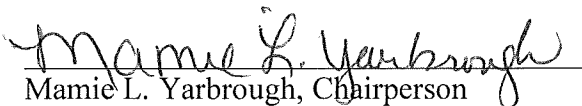
**WHEREAS**, according to census data, Oronoko Township has 2,410 households of which 822 are lacking broadband; and

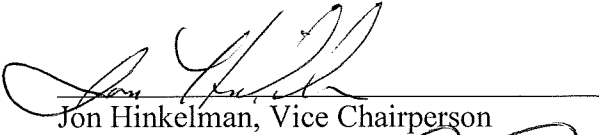
**WHEREAS**, the BCBIT reviewed the attached grant application from Oronoko Township and recommend approval of their request for \$700,000: To fund the construction of 27.2 miles of last-mile fiber optic broadband infrastructure to provide up to 1Gbps broadband service; and

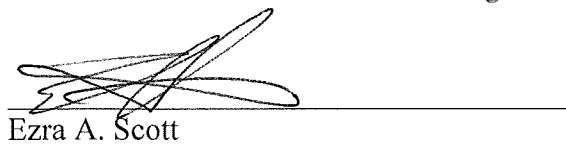
**WHEREAS**, members of the BCBIT took the recommendation to the Finance Committee and they concurred.

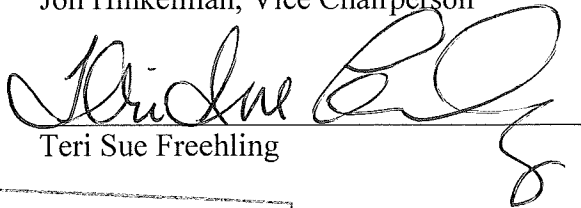
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT** the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the grant application from Oronoko Township for \$700,000 in ARPA funds for the purposes of constructing 27.2 miles of fiber optic broadband infrastructure and authorizes the Chairperson to sign the grant agreement with Oronoko Township officials.

**Respectfully submitted,  
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

  
Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson

  
Jon Hinkelman, Vice Chairperson

  
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Teri Sue Freehling

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Administrative \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4-20  
Comments Attached TN 4/20/22