

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

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, a sub-committee of Commissioners were appointed to the Berrien County Broadband Internet Taskforce (BCBIT) to demonstrate the commitment of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners in improving accessibility to broadband in the unserved and underserved areas of Berrien County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) has been assisting BCBIT on this project; and

**WHEREAS**, via resolution F2203217 the Board of Commissioners authorized up to \$20,000 for a contract with SWMPC for grant work and other related work; and

**WHEREAS**, as this project moves forward, it has been identified that Berrien County will need further services from the SWMPC with regard to broadband construction cost estimating; and

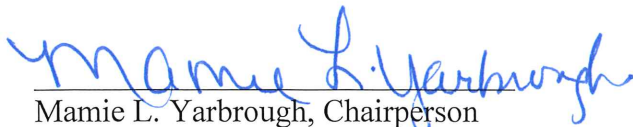
**WHEREAS**, the SWMPC has both the personnel and the expertise to aid the County in this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee authorized a bid waiver for the total amount of up to \$70,000, amending the previous agreement with SWMPC; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the amendment to the agreement with SWMPC.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the amendment to the agreement with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for additional services related to the Berrien County Broadband Internet Taskforce and authorizes the Chairperson to execute the related contract.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

  
Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson

  
Ezra A. Scott

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Jon Hinkelman, Vice-Chairperson

  
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