

Resolution

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**Subject A Resolution in Support of a Study and Policy Development for
Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure**

Commissioner _____ moved for the adoption of the following resolution which was seconded by Commissioner _____:

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners has been advised by local representatives of New Century Cities that a comprehensive, robust and competitively priced next generation broadband fiber infrastructure would benefit the county in various ways, including:

Encouragement of technology-driven business with new transformative technologies able to offer opportunity and rewarding careers attractive to our young people, retaining our most precious resource;

Attraction and retention of small businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurial initiatives reliant on affordable high-speed connectivity;

Support of our county's largest employers with a competitive internet, local fiber interconnections and secure network platforms, as well as an energetic economy attractive to new talent;

Preparation for the development of technologies like such as cloud computing, autonomous vehicles and factories, the Internet of Things, virtual reality and artificial intelligence; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners has determined that Broadband is desirable for the development of community and economic infrastructure for the 21st Century;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Stark County, Ohio, that the Board supports:

1. The exploration of the feasibility of a regional effort encouraging appropriate stakeholders to collaborate on county-wide solutions for widely-available and affordable high-speed connectivity.

2. Encouraging appropriate stakeholders to explore an asset-holding legal entity that can act in concert with private and public stakeholders, recruit new leadership and attract and administer grants and investments

Upon roll call the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Bernabei - _____ Mrs. Creighton - _____ Mr. Regula - _____

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I, Brant Luther, the County Administrator and Assistant Clerk of the Board, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the Resolution adopted by the Board.
