

## Richland County Committee

### Agenda Item Cover

**Agenda Item Name:** Fiber-to-the-Home grant-project in Rockbridge, Willow, Richland Center and Ithaca Townships

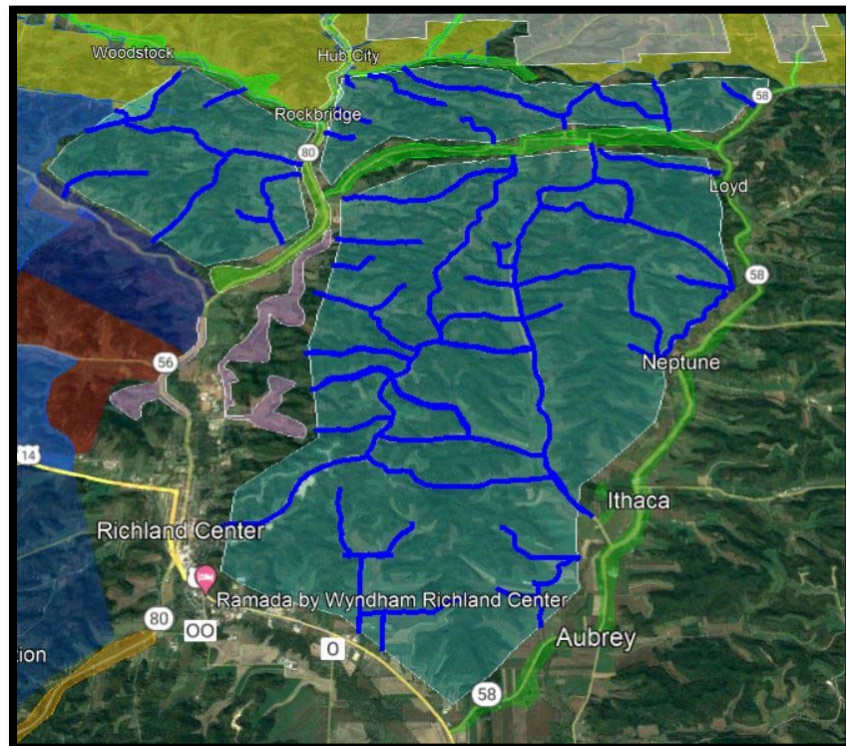
<b>Department</b>	Administration	<b>Presented By:</b>	Administrator
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	01 Mar, 2022	<b>Action Needed:</b>	Vote
<b>Disclosure:</b>	Open Session	<b>Authority:</b>	Structure E
<b>Date submitted:</b>	23 Feb, 2022	<b>Referred by:</b>	
<b>Action needed by no later than (date)</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution</b>	<u>N/A</u> , prepared, reviewed

**Recommendation and/or action language:**

- 1) Motion to ... recommend resolution to the County Board to partner with La Valle Telephone, in entering into an agreement to partially fund the proposed fiber-to-the-home broadband project in Rockbridge, Willow, Richland Center and Ithaca Townships in the amount of \$590,000 and utilizing funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

**Background:** *(preferred one page or less with focus on options and decision points)*

Message from Josh Lien, Operations Manager; La Valle Telephone — “We are looking to apply for a broadband grant in Richland County in this next broadband grant cycle. It will consist of 120 miles of buried fiber serving approximately 460 locations. The total cost will be \$5,882,383.75 – we will look for 80% funding from the PSC and a contribution from Richland County of \$590,000 (10%). La Valle Telephone would match the other 10%. I have attached a picture of the project area. The project area is the light area with the dark blue lines within it.”



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#### Attachments and References:

Resolution Language // Partnership Agreement (Format)	Map of Project
Letter of Support	

#### Financial Review:

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other funding Source	American Rescue Plans Fund 93	
<input type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

(summary of current and future impacts)

\$590,000 expenditure. The current ARPA appropriations plan designates \$670199.80 for Water Sewer, Broadband Infrastructure. We currently have \$138,100 committed leaving \$532,099.80. This overage will impact other apportionments in the amount of \$57,900.20.

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#### Approval:

#### Review:

*Clinton Langreck*

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Department Head

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Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)

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