

**Howard County Board of Supervisors**

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March 13, 2023

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Howard County is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. Howard County, located in northeast Iowa, has identified numerous areas of geographic concern as you can see by the application.

We believe a strong and robust broadband connection is important. It provides communication, online learning for K-12 students in our local community, plus allows for individuals to pursue online opportunities after high school. The possibilities are endless. It also provides Tele-doc options for those who cannot commute to a facility with specialized healthcare or during adverse weather conditions.

We thank you for your time in reviewing our application and will consider Howard County as a priority for future funding.

Sincerely,

Joe Pisney, Chairman, Howard County Board of Supervisors

Pat Murray, Howard County Board of Supervisors

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March 20, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to support the need for expanded broadband coverage in Howard County. In my office it is essential to have to have fast internet in the office and in the patrol cars. In the office, broadband is used for everything. We monitor cameras, run programs, and use tele-health services in the jail. In the squad cars the deputies are connected by LTE to run programs such as a real time mapping, where dispatch and other officers are able to monitor officers locations, run driver's licenses, and chat.

Reliable broadband would not only be an asset to my office, but to the entire county. Thank you for considering Howard County as a priority for future funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Beckman".

Tim Beckman 45-1

Sheriff of Howard County

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Deputy: Gatlin Keehner

Deputy: Wade Michels

Deputy: Milan Grubl

Deputy Jacob Hofstra

Deputy: Jason Shores

Civil Deputy/Jail Administrator: Jennifer Bauer



March 24, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

Howard County Business & Tourism supports the need to expand broadband coverage in Howard County.

The need for broadband is *essential* for economic growth for businesses, workforce, schools, our rural hospital, and residents.

Broadband coverage is necessary for our tourism efforts to bring visitors to our area and be able to showcase why they should move to Howard County.

Reliable broadband would positively impact all aspects of life in Howard County. Thank you for considering broadband funding in our area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jason Passmore'.

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