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To Whom It May Concern:

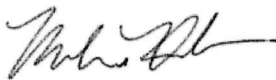
As a representative of the Chickasaw County community located within Broadband Intervention Zone 506849 (#85), it is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program (Notice of Funding Availability #008) application being submitted by Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company of Plainfield, IA (BBMTC) – Application Number 527194.

As required by the Notice of Funding Availability, Sec. 2.2.7.2., this signed letter is intended to confirm that BBMTC's proposed pricing for the Covered Speed package (100M download/100M upload at \$64.95/month) is affordable for the community.

We see this effort to expand broadband in and around the rural communities of Chickasaw County as critical to our efforts for population growth, to help support our workforce, and to expand business development. The existing service for connectivity available to residents and businesses at the proposed locations is inadequate and does not currently meet their needs. This effort, if funded, will serve to create opportunities for rural residents and businesses for distance learning, telemedicine and telework.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Matthew Kuhn
Chickasaw County
Board of Supervisors
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RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-23-68**A RESOLUTION OF THE CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING
THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTICS BY BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS TO
RURAL AREAS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA**

WHEREAS, Butler-Bremer Communications has identified a need to make improvements to the communication system in parts of rural Chickasaw County with the installation of fiber optics; and the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors fully supports the need for this project.

WHEREAS, Butler-Bremer Communications is applying to the State of Iowa's Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program to assist with funding.

WHEREAS, investment in infrastructure, such as the proposed fiber project, will greatly benefit businesses, agriculture and residents alike in the rural areas of Chickasaw County by providing state-of-the-art broadband services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its enthusiastic support for the rural fiber installation project and furthermore encourages the State of Iowa to act favorably upon the application for financial assistance.

Signed this 14th day of August, 2023



Matthew Kuhn
Chairman, Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors

Attest:



Sheila Shekleton
Chickasaw County Auditor