

Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.
Thayer County Project
Attachment L – Public-Private Partnership

Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. has a signed Public-Private Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Thayer County regarding cooperation in seeking state funding for deployment of broadband infrastructure in rural areas of Thayer County. A signed copy of the MOU and the Thayer County Commissioners meeting minutes are attached for reference.

**Please refer to Thayer County Economic Development Alliance's (TCEDA) letter of support that confirms Thayer County's financial commitment of \$500,000.00*

Commissioner Proceedings May 18, 2022

The Thayer County Board of Commissioners met in open and public session in the commissioner's room of the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. on May 18, 2022. Present were Commissioners Dave Bruning, Dean Krueger, Marlin Bauhard and County Clerk, Marie Rauner.

Dave Bruning, chairman of the board, called the meeting to order.

Public meeting laws are posted and available on the north wall of the meeting room in compliance with Nebraska statutes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were mailed to the commissioners for review. Dean Krueger moved and Marlin Bauhard seconded to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2022, meeting. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Bauhard-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Carley Bruning, TCEDA Director, and Jason Tuller, BAT committee member met with the commissioners to receive a commitment for a Memorandum of Understanding between Thayer County and Glenwood Telecommunications to enable the application for additional grant fund to help with fiber installation in rural Thayer County to be completed. Marlin Bauhard made a motion and Dave Bruning seconded to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding. Result of vote: Bauhard-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

Mark Timmerman, Thayer County Road Superintendent, met with the commissioners to discuss ongoing road projects and give a department update.

Ashley Griess, Chief Probation Officer of District 1 and Chris Reece, Drug Court Coordinator met with the commissioners to present an annual report on probation activities in the county and an update on the county's drug court participation. Chris presented a budget request for 2022-2023 of \$1,329.00. Dean Krueger made a motion and Marlin Bauhard seconded to approve the requested amount. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Bauhard-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

A representative for the city of Hebron didn't attend the meeting.

Steve Albin, United Benefit Services, presented several insurance proposals for the board to consider for the 2022-2023 benefit package for county employees. Formal action will be taken at the next meeting.

Brian Rokusek, CEO Thayer County Health Services, shared with the board the latest update on hospital activities and new hires.

Applications have ceased for the maintenance position in the courthouse. Board members reviewed the applications received and requested the clerk to set up interviews for the applicants at the next meeting.

Marlin Bauhard made a motion and Dean Krueger seconded to confirm acceptance and understanding of services with Blobaum & Busboom in preparation of the 2022-2023 Thayer County budget. Result of vote: Bauhard-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Tim Veenendaal, State Director of Wildlife Services, met with the board to introduce Nicole Swartz of Friend as the new wildlife specialist in the area. Presented also was a budget request of \$10,047.94 for 2022-2023. Dean Krueger made a motion and Dave Bruning seconded to approve the budget request. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Bruning-yes, Bauhard-yes. Motion carried.

Marlin Bauhard made a motion and Dave Bruning seconded to approve the salary claims being processed by the county clerk. Result of vote: Bauhard-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

General	\$90,333.03		
Road/Bridge	\$32,764.76		
Emergency Management	\$1,560.66		
Noxious Weed	\$3,254.76		
General Fund			
American Family Insurance		Bp78	\$493.07
Masa Global Group			
#B2Bthc		Empe Masa	\$143.75
Mass Mutual Retirement			
Services		621020	\$511.24
Nebraska Department of			
Revenue		State Taxes	\$1,958.58
Retirement Plans Division			
002821		Retirement	\$7,099.78
Thayer County Bank		Federal Taxes	\$13,344.01
Thayer County HSA Imprest			
Account		Empr HSA	\$900.00
Thayer County Imprest -			
Life		Life Ins	\$118.23
		Health Ins	
Thayer County Imprest-PPO		PPO	\$13,841.18
Thayer County Imprest-			
Dental		Dental Ins	\$1,036.17
		Health Ins	
Thayer County Imprest-HSA		HSA	\$6,273.20
Thayer County Imprest-			
Vision		Vision Ins	\$174.26
Road/Bridge Fund			
American Family Insurance		Bp78	\$331.57
Masa Global Group			
#B2Bthc		Empe Masa	\$50.00
Ne Child Support Payment		Empe Ne	
Center		Child	\$385.39
Nebraska Department of			
Revenue		State Taxes	\$1,031.72
Retirement Plans Division			
002821		Retirement	\$3,205.40
Thayer County Bank		Federal Taxes	\$6,375.80
Thayer County HSA Imprest			
Account		Empe HSA	\$100.00
Thayer County Imprest-			
Dental		Dental Ins	\$66.13
Thayer County Imprest-			
Vision		Vision Ins	\$64.02
Emergency Management			
Fund			
Masa Global Group			
#B2Bthc		Empe Masa	\$6.25
Nebraska Department of			
Revenue		State Taxes	\$42.64
Retirement Plans Division			
002821		Retirement	\$153.55
Thayer County Bank		Federal Taxes	\$305.80
Thayer County Imprest-			
Vision		Vision Ins	\$4.44
Noxious Weed Fund			
American Family Insurance		Bp78	\$34.71
Masa Global Group			
#B2Bthc		Empe Masa	\$6.25

Nebraska Department of Revenue	State Taxes	\$115.03
Retirement Plans Division 002821	Retirement	\$320.60
Thayer County Bank	Federal Taxes	\$736.16
Thayer County Hsa Imprest Account	Empe Hsa	\$25.00
Thayer County Imprest-Vision	Vision Ins	\$4.18

Monthly reports were reviewed and signed to be placed on file in the county clerk's office by the offices of County Treasurer, District Court Clerk, Extension, Emergency Management, Zoning, Treasurer, County Clerk and Sheriff. There being no other business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:55. The board will convene on June 1, 2022, at 9:00 am.

I, the undersigned County Clerk in and for the County of Thayer, hereby certify that all the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained on the agenda for the meeting and kept continually current and were contained on said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting. The agenda is available for the public in the office of the Thayer County Clerk. A notice of said meeting was published in the Hebron Journal Register.

These proceedings have been written and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting. The complete text of resolutions and agreements is available in the office of the Thayer County Clerk.

Each commissioner signed the agenda stating a copy was received in the mail. Said agenda is on file in the Thayer County Clerk's office.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

Thayer County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. Commissioner agenda and minutes are available at www.thayercountyne.gov

June 21, 2022

RE: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program



Dear NPSC Commissioners,

The Thayer County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA) supports Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. application for Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program to increase the miles of fiber in rural Thayer County. This will result in connecting 78 rural homes to fiber and designing another phase of build-out in six underserved Thayer County communities.

Because Thayer County is one of the least served areas in Nebraska according to the most recent FCC data, TCEDA has been working together with Thayer County Commissioners to bring better connectivity to our residents. With this partnership along with many stakeholders across the county, a Broadband Action Team (BAT) was formed to assess the data and needs while working towards solutions. **Through this, the Thayer County Commissioners approved to contribute \$500,000 ARPA funds for this application.**

Our county is powered by businesses and families choosing to thrive in rural areas. Reliance on technology is growing exponentially, especially in production agriculture where automated systems are increasingly being used. Beyond that, established companies in Thayer County require cutting edge connectivity to global markets to conduct business.

The deployment of broadband more densely in our area aids TCEDA's strategic economic mission of people and business attraction and retention. This grant will serve as an important piece to ensure that the needs of rural Thayer County will be met for years to come.

TCEDA enthusiastically encourages the Public Service Commission's approval for a Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program grant to better serve rural Thayer County residents as we continue to work together to drive growth now and into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carley Bruning".

Carley Bruning
Executive Director