

# Thayer County Commissioners

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To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing this letter of support for the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program funding being applied for by Great Plains Communications.

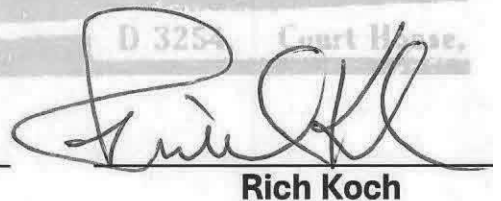
Over the last year and a half, it has become very evident that there is a lack of sufficient and reliable internet in rural Thayer County, as well as in all rural Nebraska. With many schools and businesses shut down due to the pandemic it became very evident that rural broadband needs to be improved while also enhancing the speed. Our everyday tasks and job functions depend heavily on reliable broadband connectivity. Like everywhere, access to sufficient and reliable internet is very essential for all schools to continue quality education and businesses to continue their services as many rely on internet services and sales for many daily functions. In County Government almost all services from issuing titles, renewing registrations, issuing marriage licenses, and paying the bills require sufficient bandwidth and reliable internet connectivity. We are hopeful and excited about the possibility of enhancing the broadband within rural Thayer County with the support of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program. Your consideration of this project would enhance the internet within Thayer County providing residents with reliable and sufficient broadband.



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