## **RESOLUTION 2021-12**

JOINT RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY COUNCIL OF PARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ALLOCATING MATCHING FUNDS FOR ROUND 3 OF THE INDIANA NEXT LEVEL CONNECTIONS BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Qualified providers are applying for Round 3 of the Indiana Next Level Connections Grant Program for the installation of a fiber-optic cable to all eligible homes to further the expansion of rural broadband in PARKE COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, Qualified providers are seeking support in matching a portion of project cost to meet Indiana Next Level Connections Grant application requirements; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires financial partners to provide an irrevocable resolution committing its matching funds in the event the grant application is approved; and

WHEREAS, PARKE COUNTY has agreed to partner with qualified providers to provide matching funds of not less than twenty (20) percent for Round 3 of the Indiana Next Level Connections Grant Program in PARKE COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, Round 3 of the Indiana Next Level Connection Grant Program deadline is January 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, three qualified providers have submitted letters of intent to apply for Round 3 of the Indiana Next Level Connections grants; and

WHEREAS, those three qualified providers are AT&T, Bloomingdale Home Telephone Company, and Joink, LLC; and

WHEREAS, each of these three qualified providers are eligible for a share of the matching funds determined by the number of locations they are awarded in Round 3 of the Indiana Next Level Connections Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED by the PARKE COUNTY Board of Commissioners and PARKE COUNTY Council as follows:

1. PARKE COUNTY has segregated and appropriated funds up to the amount of \$1,004,900 to be applied as a match for applications submitted by providers that have applied for PARKE COUNTY addresses eligible in Round 3 of the Indiana Next Level Connections Grant program.

Adopted this 18th day of Meember 2021.

County Council President

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Board of Commissioners President

Laura Fischer: Auditor