

AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
8021 Talladay Road, Whittaker, 48190
Washtenaw County, Michigan

RESOLUTION 20-14

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING FOR BACK TO SCHOOL CELLULAR
HOTSPOTS FROM THE WASHTENAW COUNTY BROADBAND TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners created the Broadband Task Force and tasked the group with identifying solutions to the digital divide that exists in our rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Task Force is working to achieve countywide broadband equity by 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has provided the group funding for the preparation of a grant application that will meet the expectations of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated the dire and immediate need for high speed broadband internet access in our rural communities; and

WHEREAS; remote learning for our rural K-12 students has been extremely difficult due to lack of reliable access to the internet; and

WHEREAS, some degree of remote learning requirement is expected in all Washtenaw County school districts in the 2020/2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, while making progress on this issue, the work of the Task Force will not be completed in time to provide high speed connectivity to all rural students; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Task Force has agreed their funding could simultaneously serve to assist rural townships that struggle with internet connectivity; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County and the Broadband Task Force are providing grant funding for rural townships to provide a cellular hotspot for parking lot access to WiFi; and

WHEREAS, while not a permanent solution, this hotspot will serve as an access point so families may comply with remote learning requirements; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant funding will provide a township with one cellular hotspot, antenna, installation and 12 months of cellular service; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Task Force will work with a designated township official to determine the needs and equipment that will be required; and

WHEREAS, Augusta Township will enter into a memorandum of understanding with the county, wherein the ownership of all equipment is gifted to the township, as well as 12 months of cellular service; and

WHEREAS, Augusta Township will prepay for expenses related to the purchase and installation of the cellular hotspot, present invoices to the County and will receive full reimbursement as described herein; and

WHEREAS, grant funding will also provide Augusta Township a lump sum payment for 12 months of basic cellular hotspot service as described herein; and;

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County and the Broadband Task Force are providing grant funding for rural townships to provide a cellular hotspot for parking lot access to WiFi ; some townships may have existing cable broad band access and will not require a hotspot, in which case a WiFi access point should be configured to use existing cable service.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, Augusta Township accepts the Washtenaw County Broadband Task Force grant funding that will provide one cellular hotspot, antenna, installation and 12 months of service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Augusta Township has agreed to the terms and authorized Supervisor Brian Shelby to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Washtenaw County

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Supervisor Brian Shelby from Augusta Township will serve as the point of contact for the Broadband Task Force, offering assistance that will expedite the installation of the cellular hotspot, by August 31, 2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Supervisor Brian Shelby from Augusta Township will be granted spending authority not to exceed the \$1,000 for the purchase of equipment for this grant, with the understanding that these expenditures will be reimbursed by the County

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Supervisor Brian Shelby from Augusta Township will be granted authority to enter into a contract for cellular service at a cost not to exceed \$600 and a term not to exceed 12 months, with the understanding that this expenditure will be reimbursed in a lump sum by the County

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, Supervisor Brian Shelby from Augusta Township will be granted spending authority not to exceed the \$500 for the installation of the cellular hotspot

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Augusta Township expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and the Broadband Task Force for the grant funding to provide 12 months of cellular hotspot for its residents.

Augusta Township

By Brian Shelby 8/14/20
Brian Shelby, Supervisor (Date)
Washtenaw County

By _____
Gregory Dill, County Administrator (Date)

CERTIFICATE

I, Belynda Domas, the elected and acting Clerk of Augusta Charter Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Augusta Charter Township Board, as presented at the meeting of said Board held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present, by a roll call vote of said members as herein before set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take effect August 12, 2020.

Belynda Domas
Belynda Domas, Clerk

8/14/20
Date