

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY:** Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** a sub-committee of Commissioners were appointed to the Berrien County Broadband Internet Taskforce (BCBIT) to demonstrate the commitment of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners in improving accessibility to broadband in the unserved and underserved areas of Berrien County; and

**WHEREAS,** the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) has been assisting BCBIT on this project; and

**WHEREAS,** as they work on that task, the need for grant work in this field has been identified; and

**WHEREAS,** the SWMPC has both the personnel and the expertise to aid the County in this project; and

**WHEREAS,** the Finance Committee authorized bid waiver 2022-031004 in the amount of up to \$20,000 for contracted grant writing performed by the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS,** Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement with SWMPC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the contract with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for grant writing services related to the Berrien County Broadband Internet Taskforce and authorizes the Chairperson to execute the related contract.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson

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Jon Hinkelman, Vice-Chairperson

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Ezra A. Scott

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Teri Sue Freehling

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative _____	Date 3-16-22
Documents _____	
Corporate Counsel TN _____	Date 3/16/22
Conveyance Attached _____	