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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to draw your attention to what I believe is a model program for the rural broadband funds made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Bloomingdale Communications has presented me with a broadband plan for Van Buren County, MI that would address lack of broadband Internet access in rural areas and lack of connectivity between school districts. Their model directly touches on the two central criteria of both the NTIA and RUS grant programs, to increase broadband access in unserved and underserved areas, and enhance service for both healthcare and educational facilities in the region.

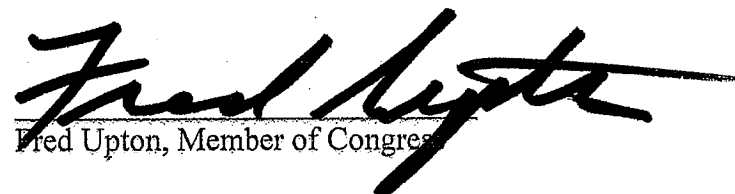
A fiber optic ring would serve and connect the entire Van Buren County school system, including Bloomingdale, Bangor, Gobles, Paw Paw, Lawton, Decatur, Lawrence, Hartford, Covert, South Haven, Mattawan and Van Buren ISD. Just a few of the educational benefits of the ring would be distance learning, software sharing, staff resource sharing, and connection to other school districts. This project would also benefit area libraries, hospitals, clinics, community service centers, and public safety organizations.

The fiber ring would also facilitate the connection of unserved and underserved areas by providing broadband Internet to rural subscribers who are currently unserved by a high-speed connection. The fiber optic ring in Van Buren County would provide connection speeds of up to 70,000kps. These broadband speeds would be available to residents, telecommuters, home-based businesses, and brick and mortar businesses. Under the Bloomingdale plan, a potential 2,834 dial-up customers could be using high-speed Internet by 2011.

Additionally, this broadband connection will create at least 60 new jobs during the first year of construction, 40 jobs the second year and no less than 9 permanent jobs. It will also positively affect as many as 425 telecommuters and home-based businesses.

The model Bloomingdale Communications has presented represents an efficient, effective use of funds and would indeed be an excellent model for the State of Michigan as a whole. I ask you to consider Bloomingdale Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring broadband Internet to many residents and businesses without current access, as well as offer tremendous benefits to our schools, hospitals, and community.

Sincerely,


Fred Upton, Member of Congress



July 9, 2009

To Whom it may Concern:

Bloomington Communications approached me as a leader in my school district about constructing a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. This ring could potentially connect with schools in Berrien County. Additional connection options could provide reduced costs for internet connectivity by increasing competitive offerings from multiple vendors. Should the need arise for high amounts of bandwidth between schools in Berrien County and neighboring counties, this project would help facilitate those requirements.

Please consider Bloomington Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren with extension to Berrien County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Siegel".

Jeffrey Siegel
Superintendent



VAN BUREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

VBISD.org

Jeffrey C. Mills
Superintendent

May 8, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Director of Technology for my school district, I would like to voice my support of Bloomingdale Communication's proposed fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. As a group, the county technology coordinators have advocated for this type of broadband interconnectivity amongst the county's public school districts for a number of years.

This connection would benefit our schools in some of the following ways:

- Provide a scalable Internet connection to each school
- Allow schools to share software and other resources such as: personnel, remote back-up and storage, remote management of network resources, etc.
- Allow the Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD) to purchase bandwidth in bulk and share that cost savings among the Districts
- Provide for dependable, high- quality video conferencing, distance learning, and other things such as streaming video
- Connect the VBISD to other county-wide educational networks – Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD) and Allegan Area Educational Agency (AAESA) – enabling access to additional services and educational materials.

Other benefits are the possibility of remote back-ups, streaming media deployment, and disaster recovery support. Also, the possibility of a county-wide wireless build out, shared IP telephony, data centers and shared video are all created by the construction of this fiber ring.

Please consider Bloomingdale Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for my rural District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Accorso', written over a horizontal line.

Sam Accorso, Administrator for Technology
Van Buren Intermediate School District

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May 26, 2009

VAN BUREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

VBISD.org

Jeffrey C. Mills
Superintendent

To Whom It May Concern,

Bloomingtondale Communications approached me as a leader in my school district about constructing a fiber optic ring in Van Buren County. This ring would connect the Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD), who would then be able to connect to Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph Intermediate School District (SJISD) and Allegan Area Education Service Agency (AAESA).

This connection would benefit our schools in many ways, including;

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between schools
- Reducing costs for individual schools by allowing schools to share software and other resources
- Potential for station to station dialing, eliminating long distance charges between schools
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff

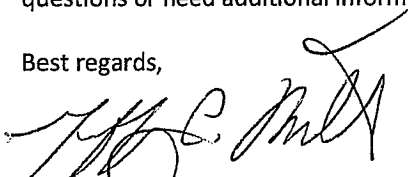
Other pluses are the possibility of remote back-ups, streaming media deployment, and disaster recovery. Also, the possibility of a county-wide wireless build out, shared IP telephony, data centers and shared video are all created by the construction of this fiber ring.

The benefits of this project do not stop with the schools. The construction of the network would create new employment opportunities, permanent as well as temporary. The fiber ring would provide cutting edge connectivity to:

- Libraries
- Health care facilities, including hospitals and clinics
- Community service centers
- Rural residences
- Public safety buildings

Please consider Bloomingtondale Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for the Van Buren ISD and the surrounding communities. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 269-674-8091 ext. 5200.

Best regards,



Jeffrey C. Mills

Superintendent

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ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VAN BUREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT


The undersigned, being all members of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of VAN BUREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby supports the need to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our school district in the following ways:


- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between schools within the VBISD
- Reducing costs for individual schools by allowing schools to share software and other resources
- Potential for station to station dialing, eliminating long distance charges between schools
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff
- Enabling distance learning
- Connecting VBISD to other school networks – Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD) and Allegan Area Educational Agency (AAESA).


The Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to install and maintain such a fiber-ring network connecting all Van Buren County Public School Districts fulfils this need and warrants support.

Approved May 6, 2009

Frances Sage 
Board Member

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Board Member

Robert Anderson 
Board Member

Richard Barden 
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Board Member

 **BRONSON**
LakeView Hospital

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June 22, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

Bloomington Communications approached me as the Manager of MIS (Information Technology) for Bronson LakeView Hospital regarding constructing a fiber optic ring in Van Buren County. This ring could connect area hospitals, health centers, municipal buildings, community service centers and public safety offices.

The fiber ring could provide cutting edge connectivity to: Health care facilities, including hospitals and clinics, libraries, schools, community service centers, public safety buildings, including Paw Paw Village police, County Sheriff and Michigan State Police, and Paw Paw Village, township and government offices.


This connection could benefit Bronson LakeView Hospital in many ways, including:

- Allowing station to station dialing between hospital and clinic locations
- Allowing software sharing and staff resourcing
- Public safety offices, such as fire departments and emergency rescue could be interconnected
- Allow for telemedicine, Electronic Health Record sharing and other cost and time saving resources

Other benefits include the possibility of remote back-ups, streaming media deployment, and disaster recovery. Also, the possibility of shared IP telephony, data centers and shared video are all created by the construction of this fiber ring.

I support and ask you to please consider Bloomington Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for our rural healthcare and critical access hospital.

Sincerely,


Greg Anderson
MIS Manager
Bronson LakeView Hospital



VAN BUREN DISTRICT LIBRARY

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DAVID TATE, DIRECTOR

June 1, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Van Buren District Library is pleased to support the stimulus grant application of Bloomingdale Communications to place a fiber-optic ring throughout Van Buren County. This broadband ring would make high speed internet service available to all of the libraries within our library system, and would enable us to connect the schools, government agencies, and health care facilities.

Public libraries are at the forefront in providing job information, resource sharing, distance learning, and business start-up training to the public. This fiber-optic connection would allow us to continue and expand these vital services.

It is my understanding that the fiber-optic ring would also create numerous construction jobs in the short term, and would bring permanent high tech employment opportunities over the long term.

Please give serious consideration to the Bloomingdale Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring many positive changes to our rural area.

Sincerely,

David Tate
Director

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MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

March 9, 2010

Mark Bahnson
General Manager
Bloomingdale Communication
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Bloomingdale, MI 49026

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express support for the Bloomingdale Communications' Van Buren Fiber Ring application to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Stimulus Program. The Van Buren Fiber Ring is a project that will greatly benefit the residents of Van Buren County. Not only will it connect anchor institutions, but Bloomingdale will be able to build leverage to serve the homes and business in the region. This proposed project in similar to what Merit has been successfully promoting state-wide. The benefits to communities have been huge and we expect a similar impact on Van Buren County.

The Van Buren Fiber Ring proposes to leverage our successful Round 1 BTOP funded project evidence based computer centers, which enables the building of four new computer centers within public libraries in Van Buren County. The Fiber Ring would connect these libraries, enabling the greatest and most effective use of these new facilities. Michigan State University is pleased to support Bloomingdale Communications and the Van Buren Fiber Ring to increase the value of our first round BTOP funded project.

I strongly endorse Bloomingdale Communications' application for BTOP funding.
Sincerely,

Sincerely,



Pamela Whitten, Ph.D.
Dean



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MEMBER, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SUBCOMMITTEE

MEMBER, SENATE FISCAL AGENCY BOARD OF
GOVERNORS

March 9, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

Bloomingdale Communications has presented me, as a State Senator of Michigan, with a solution to a major problem in Van Buren County: lack of connectivity between anchor institutions in the region.

I would like to draw your attention to what I believe is a model project application to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Stimulus Program. Bloomingdale Communications has presented me with a broadband plan for Van Buren County, MI that would address lack of broadband to anchor institutions throughout the county. Their model directly touches on a central criterion of both the NTIA and RUS grant programs, to increase and enhance broadband service to both healthcare and educational facilities in the region.

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In addition to providing broadband connection to 13 schools, 10 libraries, 18 public safety buildings, 16 government facilities and 13 medical and healthcare providers, this project will create at least 60 new jobs the first year of construction, 40 jobs the second year and no less than 9 permanent jobs. It should also be noted, that without these grant monies, this project will not come to fruition, and the Van Buren County Fiber Ring will likely never be built.

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Sincerely,

RON JELINEK

State Senator



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TONYA SCHUITMAKER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

March 4, 2010

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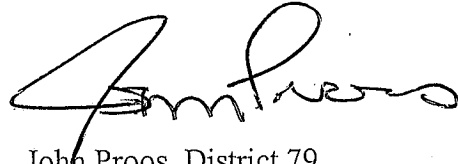
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Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have.

Sincerely,



Tonya Schuitmaker, District 80
Michigan House of Representatives



John Proos, District 79
Michigan House of Representatives

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TOM GEORGE

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March 16, 2010

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Sincerely,

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Tom George
State Senator
20th District



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(MINORITY VICE CHAIR)
HUMAN SERVICES
JOINT CAPITAL OUTLAY
ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

March 16, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

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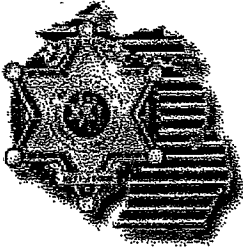
Sincerely,

John Proos
State Representative
79th District

NORTHERN BERRIEN COUNTY AREAS REPRESENTED:

CITIES: BENTON HARBOR, BRIDGMAN, COLOMA, SAINT JOSEPH, WATERVLJET
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Van Buren County Central Dispatch Center

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Jeri Tapper
Director

Dale R. Gribler
Sheriff

July 16, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Bloomington Communications has approached our Public Safety Answering Point about constructing a fiber optic ring county wide that could connect our first responders (police, fire and ambulance services), governmental agencies, county and local municipal buildings as well as community service centers.

The benefits to our customers would be huge. Law enforcement offices would be better able to work together. Public safety offices like fire and emergency rescue will be connected. The court systems could add cost-saving video enhancements as well as software sharing and ultimately, high speed internet could be delivered to over twenty eight hundred rural subscribers.

A fiber ring could provide cutting edge connectivity to libraries, health care hospitals and clinics, community service center along with the schools. Governmental offices from the local level, to the townships, up to the county would all be connected as well.

One of the most important from the emergency communications community is the benefit of remote back-ups and disaster recovery. The possibility of sharing IP telephony, data centers and shared video are all features of this fiber ring that would be of benefit to our organization.

We ask you to review and approve Bloomington Communications' application for the fiber-optic ring for Van Buren County. It will be an enormous asset to the citizens and visitors who reside and will visit the county of Van Buren.

Sincerely,

Jeri Tapper, ENP
Director

Van Buren Central Dispatch

The Van Buren County Sheriff's Office shall provide leadership, coordination and delivery of quality, professional law enforcement, and public safety services to the residents of Van Buren County, while respecting the rights and dignity of all persons.



VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Dale R. Gribler
Sheriff

Paul R. Edwards
Undersheriff

May 26, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Last week my staff and I met with representatives from Bloomingdale Communications regarding the construction of a fiber optic ring in Van Buren County. This ring could connect governmental buildings, community service centers and public safety officers within the proposed fiber optic network.

This connection could benefit public safety in many ways, such as:

- Law enforcement officers would be better suited to communicate and work together.
- Connectivity between all public safety agencies (fire, EMS, & law enforcement) will enhance records management and communications.
- Video arraignments for the courts and correctional centers would be enhanced.
- Provide high speed internet to 2,834 rural subscribers

The fiber ring could provide cutting edge connectivity to:

- Libraries
- Health care facilities, including hospitals and clinics
- Public safety buildings

All of these entities interact with our office.

Other benefits include the possibility of remove back-ups, streaming media deployment, and disaster recovery. Also, the possibility of shared IP telephony, data centers and shared video are all created by the construction of this fiber ring.

I support and ask you to please consider Bloomingdale Communications' proposal for the fiber optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for my rural county.

Sincerely,

Dale R. Gribler, Sheriff
Van Buren County

Van Buren County Fire Fighter's Association
205 S. Kalamazoo St. Paw Paw, MI 49079

July 1, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Bloomingtondale Communications approached our organization, the Van Buren County Fire Fighter's Association about constructing a fiber optic ring. This ring could connect county municipal buildings, community service centers and public safety offices within a fiber optic network.

This connection could benefit our county in many ways, including --

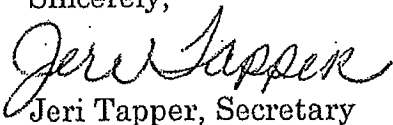
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- *Court systems would have added cost-saving benefits like video arraignments as well as allow software sharing and staff resourcing
- *Provide high speed internet to 2834 rural subscribers

The fiber ring could provide cutting edge connectivity to places like libraries, health care facilities, hospitals & clinics, community service centers, and schools. In addition to them would be local, township and county governmental offices.

Other benefits include the possibility of remote back-ups, streaming media deployment, and disaster recovery. Also, the possibility of shared IP telephony, data centers and shared video are all created by the construction of this fiber ring.

We support and ask you to consider Bloomingtondale Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring for the County of Van Buren. It would bring much needed positive changes for our rural county.

Sincerely,



Jeri Tapper, Secretary
Van Buren County
Fire Fighters Association

Van Buren County Fire Chief's Association
205 S. Kalamazoo St. Paw Paw, MI 49079

July 1, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Bloomingtondale Communications approached our organization, the Van Buren County Fire Chief's Association about constructing a fiber optic ring. This ring could connect county municipal buildings, community service centers and public safety offices within a fiber optic network.


This connection could benefit our county in many ways, including -

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Sincerely,

Chief Derek Babcock
Secretary
Van Buren County
Fire Chief's Association



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6/30/2009

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Please consider Bloomingdale Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for my rural District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Poggione".

Peter Poggione
Director of Information Technology

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Dr. Elizabeth Godwin
Superintendent

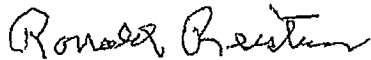
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Sincerely,



Ronald Reisterer
Technology Director

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Technology Coordinator for Lawrence Public Schools, I would like to voice my support of Bloomingdale Communication's proposed fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. As a group, the county technology coordinators as well as area businesses have advocated for this type of broadband interconnectivity for our school districts and the surrounding communities for a number of years.

This connection would benefit our schools in some of the following ways:

- Provide a scalable, reliable Internet connection to each school
- Provide for dependable, high- quality video conferencing, distance learning, and streaming video
- Provide for potential cost savings for internet bandwidth
- Provide for potential shared educational resources among school districts.
- Provide for growth of small businesses and jobs in the area.

Other benefits include the possibility of a county-wide wireless infrastructure, educational streaming media deployment, and disaster recovery support.

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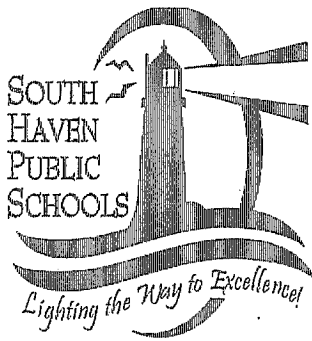
Sincerely,



Gene Butler

IT Director

Lawrence Public Schools



South Haven Public Schools

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Sincerely,


JANET CARLSON, TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISOR
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To Whom It May Concern,

As the Technology Coordinator for Gobles Public Schools, I would like to voice my support of Bloomingdale Communication's proposed fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. As a group, the county technology coordinators have advocated for this type of broadband interconnectivity amongst the county's public school districts for a number of years.

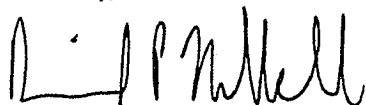
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Daniel P. Hubbell
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Gobles Public Schools



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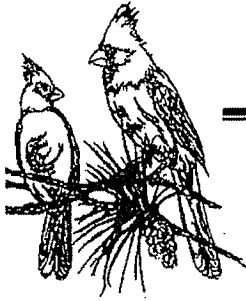
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Sincerely,

Micheal Stephayn, M.C.S.E.
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May 7, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

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Sincerely,

Roger E Tuinstra
Director of Technology
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Sincerely,



Tony Nuismer
Paw Paw Public Schools



Bangor Public Schools

ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT OF THE BANGOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE BANGOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT
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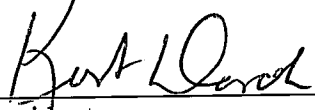
The undersigned, being all members of the Bangor Public Schools Board of Education (the "Board") of Bangor Public School District do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

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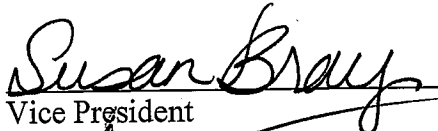
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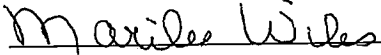
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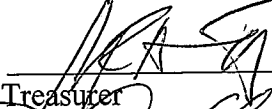
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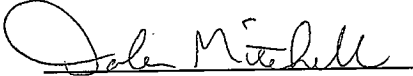
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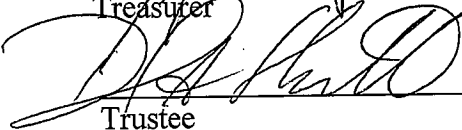
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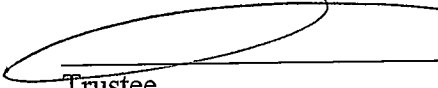
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Trustee



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Trustee

COVERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COVERT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

The undersigned, being all members of the Board of Education (the "Board") of COVERT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

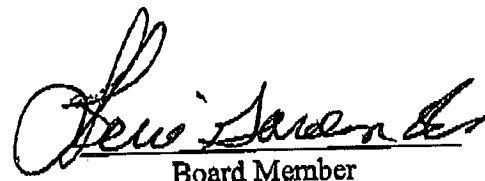
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- Enabling distance learning;
- Connecting VBISD to other school networks – Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD) and Allegan Area Educational Agency (AAESA).

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Dated: July 13, 2009


Board Member


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ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SOUTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

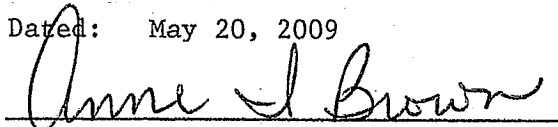
The undersigned, being all members of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the SOUTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

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Dated: May 20, 2009


BOARD MEMBER


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HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

The undersigned, being all members of the Board of Education, HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

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Motion by Najacht, seconded by Chambers, to approve this resolution:

Dated at Hartford, Michigan this 23rd day of April 2009.

Roll Call Vote:

 X **Banic** **X** **Chambers** **X** **Isbrecht** **X** **Meachum** **X** **Najacht** **X** **Sadler** **X** **Smith**

Yeas 7 Nays 0

8.6.

ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The undersigned, being all members of the Board of Education (the "Board") of Bloomingdale Public Schools do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

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The Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to install and maintain such a fiber-ring network connecting all Van Buren County Public School Districts fulfills this need and warrants support.

Dated: April 27, 2009

Barbara Ewald
Board Member

T.H. Bodtke
Board Member

Ray Fritz Dr.
Board Member

Jay Bale
Board Member

Randy Sauer
Board Member

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Paw Paw Public Schools
Resolution in Support of Fiber-Optic Ring in Van Buren County

IX.C.

Paw Paw Public Schools, Van Buren County, Michigan (the "District").

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District was held in Central Office at 119 Johnson Street in the District, on the 13th day of May 2009 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

The meeting was called to order by Karen Ayres, Board President.

Present: Members: Karen Ayres, Judy Bussema, Randy Johnson, Pat Lynch,
Steve Pearson, Diane Vandenberg, Joe Martin

Absent: Members: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Judy Bussema
and supported by Member Diane Vandenberg.

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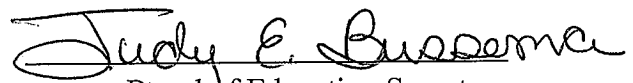
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to install and maintain such a fiber-ring network connecting all Van Buren County Public School Districts fulfills this need and warrants support.

Ayes: Members Ayres, Bussema, Johnson, Lynch, Martin, Pearson, Vandenberg

Nays: Members None

Motion declared adopted.


Board of Education Secretary

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Paw Paw Public Schools, Van Buren County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on May 13, 2009, the original of which resolution is a part of the board's minutes and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.


Board of Education Secretary

ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 11, 2009

The undersigned, being all members of the Gobles Public Schools Board of Education (the "Board") part of the VAN BUREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

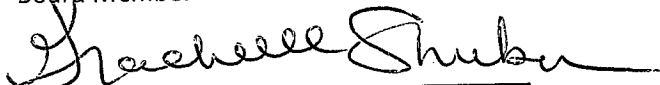
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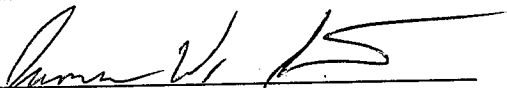
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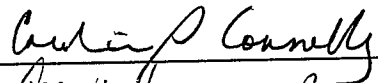
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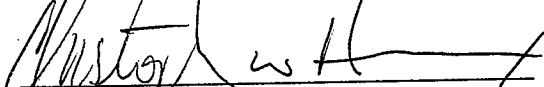
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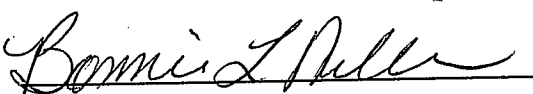
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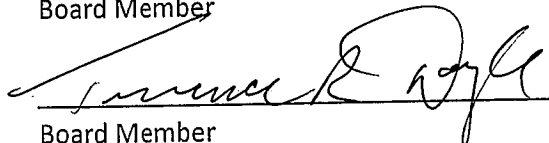
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ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
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DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

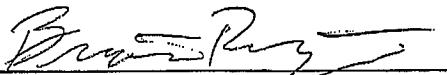
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RESOLVED, that the Board hereby supports the need to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our school district in the following ways:

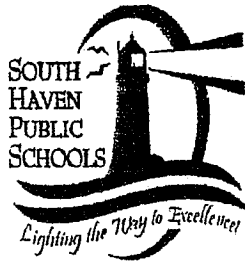
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- Enabling distance learning
- Connecting VBISD to other school networks – Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD) and Allegan Area Educational Agency (AAESA).

The Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to install and maintain such a fiber-ring network connecting all Van Buren County Public School Districts fulfills this need and warrants support.

May 18, 2009



Decatur Board of Education Secretary



South Haven Public Schools

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To Whom It May Concern,

Bloomington Communications approached me as a leader in my school district about constructing a fiber optic ring in Van Buren County. This ring would connect the South Haven Public School District, who would then be able to connect to Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD) and Allegan Area Education Service Agency (AAESA).

This connection would benefit our schools in many ways, including;

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between schools
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- Increased productivity by sharing support staff


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- Libraries
- Health care facilities, including hospitals and clinics
- Community service centers
- Rural residences
- Public safety buildings

Please consider Bloomingdale Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for my rural school.

Respectfully,


Robert Black, Superintendent
South Haven Public Schools

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approves the proposed 2009-2010 School Service Athletic Budget with:

Revenues of:	\$184,000
Expenditures of:	<u>\$183,881</u>
Excess Revenues of:	\$ 119
and	
Ending Fund Balance of:	\$ 12,909”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stermer, Carroll, Drew, Ryan, Cronenwett and Somers..

Nays: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

Motion: Drew

Support: Somers

Motion: Carried: 6-0

“Resolved, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approve the bid of \$9,740.00 for the Student Insurance and Student Athlete Basic, Comprehensive and Catastrophic coverage provided through the Baker Agency, Inc.”

Motion: Somers

Support: Cronenwett

Motion: Carried: 6-0

“Resolved, that the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education approve the Bloomingdale Communications Fiber Optic Ring Network proposal that will connect all Van Buren County Public School Districts.”

Mr. Carroll asked if this had been discussed at a facilities committee meeting. Superintendent Trimboli stated it had not. A letter in support of the Fiber Optic Ring Network from Mike Stephayn, LCS Technologist, was included in the packet. Superintendent Trimboli added that 7 out of 11 Van Buren County Schools were in support and the other school board had just not acted on it yet. He also stated there would be no cost to the district for this network.

Mr. Trimboli stated that LESPA grievance #08-09-03 and 08-09-05 had been resolved so there would be no grievance hearings.

Motion: Cronenwett

Support: Ryan

Motion: Carried, 6-0

“Resolved to go into closed session for the purpose of a student discipline hearing.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stermer, Carroll, Drew, Ryan, Cronenwett and Somers.

Nays: None.

The motion was declared adopted. The Board went into closed session at 7:53 p.m.

Motion: Carroll

Support: Cronenwett

Motion: Carried, 6-0

“Resolved, to return to open session”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stermer, Carroll, Drew, Ryan, Cronenwett and Somers.

Nays: None.

The motion was declared adopted. The board returned to open session at 8:09 p.m.



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ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VAN BUREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

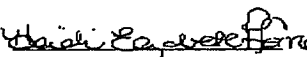
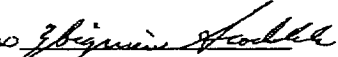
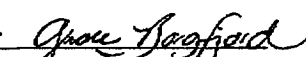
The undersigned, being all members of the Board of Education (the "Board") of MATTAWAN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:


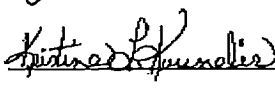
RESOLVED, that the Board hereby supports the need to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our school district in the following ways:

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between schools within the VBISD
- Reducing costs for individual schools by allowing schools to share software and other resources
- Potential for station to station dialing, eliminating long distance charges between schools
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff
- Enabling distance learning
- Connecting VBISD to other school networks – Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD) and Allegan Area Educational Agency (AAESA).

The Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to install and maintain such a fiber-ring network connecting all Van Buren County Public School Districts fulfils this need and warrants support.

Dated: 7-20-09

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July 6, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

Bloomingtondale Communications approached me as a leader in my school district about constructing a fiber optic ring in Van Buren County. This ring would connect the Van Buren Intermediate School District (ISD), who would then be able to connect to Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD) and Allegan Area Education Service Agency (AAESA).

This connection would benefit our schools in many ways, including:

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Please consider Bloomingtondale Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for my rural school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patrick D. Bird, Superintendent

PAB/lfp

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ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
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LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

The undersigned, being all members of the Board of Education (the "Board") of LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby supports the need to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our school district in the following ways:

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between schools within the VBISD
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- Potential for station to station dialing, eliminating long distance charges between schools
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff
- Enabling distance learning
- Connecting Lawrence to the VBISD and other school networks – Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD) and Allegan Area Educational Agency (AAESA).

The Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to install and maintain such a fiber-ring network connecting all Van Buren County Public School Districts fulfills this need and warrants support.

Dated: August 3, 2009



Board Member



Board Member



Board Member



Board Member



Bangor Public Schools

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Please consider Bloomington Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for my rural school.

Sincerely,

COVERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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This connections would benefit our schools in many ways, including:

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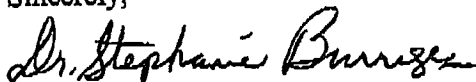
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Sincerely,



Dr. Stephanie Burrage
Superintendent

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Dr. Elizabeth Godwin
Superintendent

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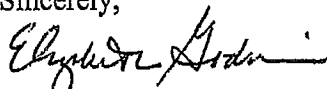
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Sincerely,



Dr. Elizabeth Godwin
Superintendent



Bloomington Public Schools

Brett A. Geier, Ed. D.
Superintendent

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April 28, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

Bloomington Communications approached me as a leader in my school district about constructing a fiber optic ring in Van Buren County. This ring would connect the Van Buren Intermediate School District (ISD), who would then be able to connect to Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD) and Allegan Area Education Service Agency (AAESA).

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Sincerely,

Dr. Brett A. Geier, Superintendent of Schools

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Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between schools

- * Reducing costs for individual schools by allowing schools to share software and other resources*
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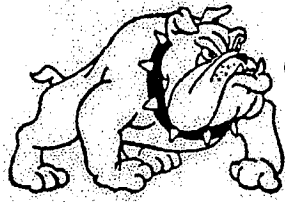
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COVERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Covert Public Schools is a community-minded organization dedicated to the education of students from early childhood to adulthood. We will:

- (1) Provide educational leadership through quality instruction.
- (2) Implement an academically sound, standards-based curriculum.
- (3) Support students in meeting grade level benchmarks for the District and State standards.

May 29, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Director of Technology for my school district, I would like to voice my support of Bloomingdale Communication's proposed fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. As a group, the county technology coordinators have advocated for this type of broadband interconnectivity amongst the county's public school districts for a number of years.

This connection would benefit our schools in some of the following ways:

- Provide a scalable Internet connection to each school
- Allow schools to share software and other resources such as: personnel, remote back-up and storage, remote management of network resources, etc.
- Allow the Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD) to purchase bandwidth in bulk and share that cost savings among the Districts
- Provide for dependable, high-quality video conferencing, distance learning, and other things such as streaming video
- Connect the VBISD to other county-wide educational networks – Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD) and Allegan Area Educational Agency (AAESA) – enabling access to additional services and educational materials.

Other benefits are the possibility of remote back-ups, streaming media deployment, and disaster recovery support. Also, the possibility of a county-wide wireless build out, shared IP telephony, data centers and shared video are all created by the construction of this fiber ring.

Please consider Bloomingdale Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for my rural District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricky Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ricky Jones, Principal
Covert High School

RJ/ac



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Gobles Public Schools

Brenda J. Wilson, Superintendent

bwilson@gobles.org

April 22, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Bloomington Communications approached me as a leader in my school district about constructing a fiber optic ring in Van Buren County. This ring would connect the Van Buren Intermediate School District (ISD), who would then be able to connect to Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD) and Allegan Area Education Service Agency (AAESA).

This connection would benefit our schools in many ways, including;

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- Public safety buildings
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Please consider Bloomington Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for my rural school.

Sincerely,

Brenda J. Wilson

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April 23, 2009

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To Whom It May Concern,

As Superintendent of Paw Paw Public Schools, I am in support of Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber optic ring in Van Buren County. This ring would connect the Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD), who would then be able to connect to Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA), St. Joseph County ISD (SJCISD), and Allegan Area Education Service Agency (AAESA). This connection would benefit our schools in many ways, including:

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Other advantages include the possibility of remote back-ups, streaming media deployment, and disaster recovery. Also, the possibility of a county-wide wireless build out, shared IP telephony, data centers and shared video are all created by the construction of this fiber ring.

The benefits extend beyond the schools. The construction of the network would create new employment opportunities, permanent as well as temporary. The fiber ring would provide cutting edge connectivity to libraries, health care facilities (including hospitals, clinics) community service centers, rural residences, and public safety buildings.

Please consider Bloomingdale Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring about positive changes for my rural school district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark T. Bielang'.

Mark T. Bielang
Superintendent



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April 24, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

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- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between schools
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- Potential for station to station dialing, eliminating long distance charges between schools
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- Community service centers
- Rural residences
- Public safety buildings

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Sincerely,

David Levstek
Superintendent

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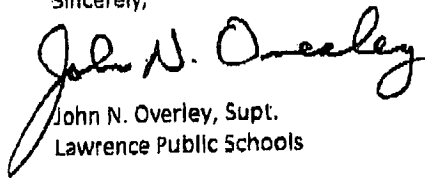
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John N. Overley, Supt.
Lawrence Public Schools

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August 10, 2009

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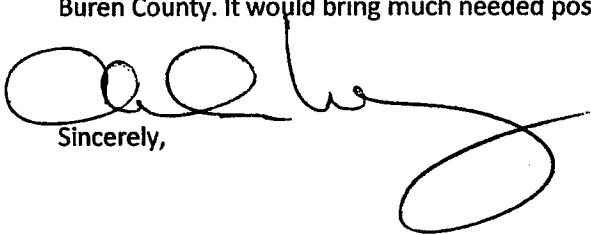
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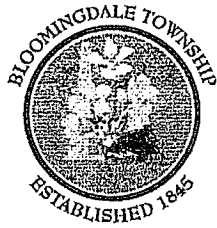
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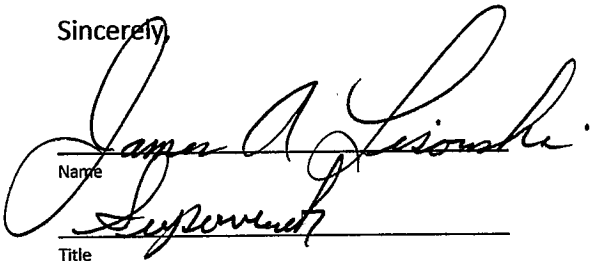
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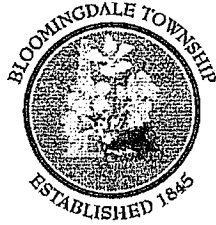
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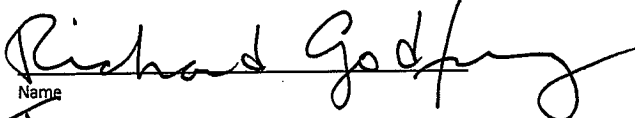
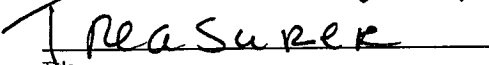
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Sincerely,


Name

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PO Box 442
Lawrence, MI 49064

Phone Number: 269-674-4255

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Lawrence Township

June 11, 2009

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The fiber ring could provide cutting edge connectivity to:

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- ✓ Village, township and government offices*

This connection could benefit our township/county in many ways, including:

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Sincerely,



Sal Campagna, Clerk

GENEVA TOWNSHIP

Van Buren County

Nancy Ann Whaley, Supervisor
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June 18, 2009

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Yours very truly,

Geneva Township



Nancy Ann Whaley

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Bangor Township
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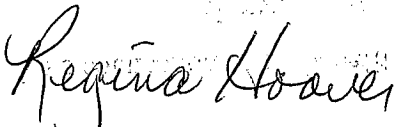
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Regina Hoover

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Doug Stiles
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VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE

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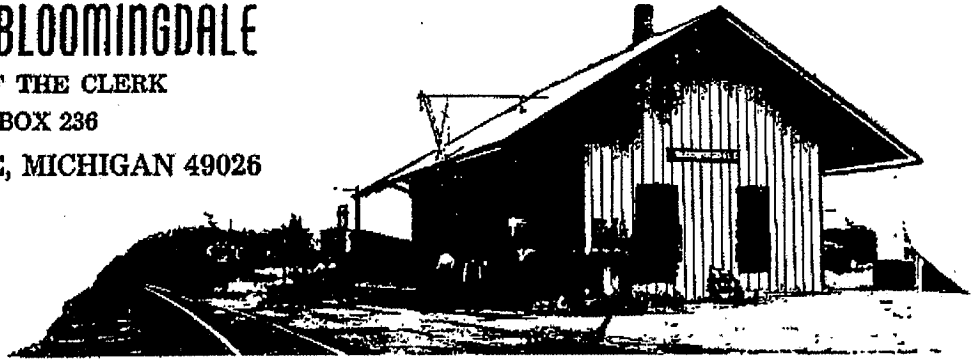
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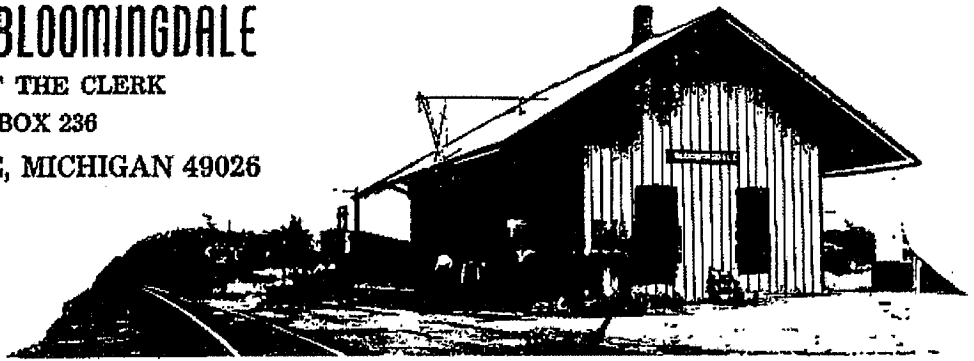
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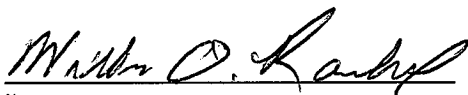
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Sincerely,

Joni M. Rankin

Name

Trustee

Title

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Pine Grove Supervisor

KEELER TOWNSHIP

VAN BUREN COUNTY

OFFICE OF CLERK

CARL F. DAVIS
CLERK

64418 TERRITORIAL RD. W.
HARTFORD, MI 49057

July 21, 2009

Bloomingtondale Communications
Mark Bahnson, General Manager
101 W. Kalamazoo Street
P.O. Box 187
Bloomingtondale, MI 49026

Re: Van Buren Fiber Ring

Dear Mr Bahnson,

The information that you had given to our Township Supervisor, William Kays, was presented at our last regular township board meeting.

All members were in support of the Van Buren Fiber Ring and know that this will have many benefits to all the schools, libraries, hospitals, clinics, and community service centers.

Please consider this letter as support by the Keeler Township Board for this project in Van Buren County.

If you have any questions please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township

cc-Supervisor

KEELER TOWNSHIP

Van Buren County
William J. Kays Supervisor

(269) 621-3604
(269) 621-3687 fax

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Hartford, MI 49057

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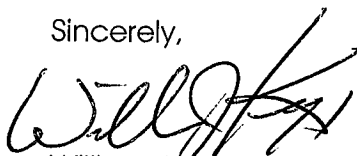
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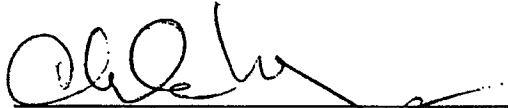
ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
PORTER TOWNSHIP

The undersigned, being all members of the Township Council (the "COUNCIL") of the Porter Township do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the COUNCIL hereby supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our township in the following ways:

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
- Reducing costs and creating greater connectivity for Lawton Public Schools..
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff.
- Connecting Lawton Public Library with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
- Provide medical benefits to area hospitals by allowing software sharing between clinics, enabling the practice of tele-medicine, allowing staff resourcing between clinics, and connection to other medical resources.

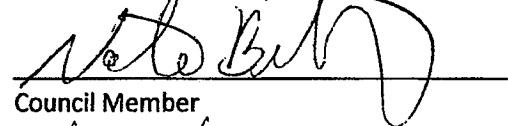
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Council Member



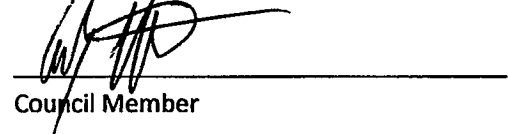
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TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMINGDALE

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Supervisor

Linda Sheely
Clerk

Richard Godfrey
Treasurer

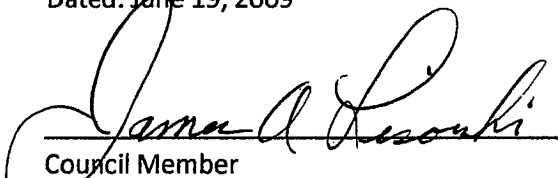
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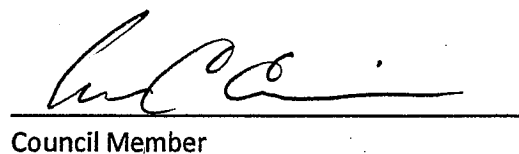
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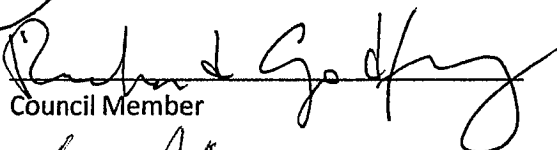
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- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
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- Connecting Bloomingdale District Library with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
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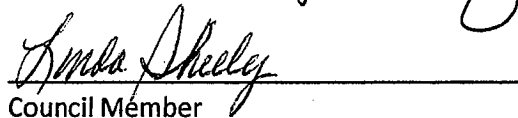
Dated: June 19, 2009


Council Member


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Council Member

ALMENA TOWNSHIP
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ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE ALMENA TOWNSHIP BOARD

The undersigned, being all members of the Almena Township Board (the "BOARD") of Almena Township do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the BOARD hereby supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our township in the following ways:

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
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Dated: July 14, 2009

Doug Stiles
Township Supervisor

Ann B. Felt
Township Clerk

[Signature]
Township Treasurer

[Signature]
Township Trustee

[Signature]
Township Trustee

[Signature]
Township Trustee

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Township Trustee

GENEVA TOWNSHIP

Van Buren County

GENEVA TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT - BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNICATIONS

Whereas: the Geneva Township Board has been asked to support Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County.

Be it Resolved, that the fiber-optic ring would benefit our township in the following ways:

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
- Reducing costs and creating greater connectivity for Bangor Public Schools and South Haven Schools.
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff.
- Connecting Bangor and South Haven District Library with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
- Provide medical benefits to area hospitals by allowing software sharing between clinics, enabling the practice of tele-medicine, allowing staff resourcing between clinics, and connection to other medical resources.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Geneva Township Board hereby supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County.

The foregoing resolution offered by Nancy Whaley
second offered by Bridgette Gumpert

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Yes: 5

NO: 0

Absent 0

I, Bridgette Gumpert, Clerk of Township of Geneva do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Geneva Township Board on July 14, 2009 at the Regular Meeting of the Geneva Township Board.

Bridgette Gumpert
Bridgette Gumpert
Geneva Township Clerk

July 14, 2009

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DANIEL J. RUZICK, Supervisor
VIRG HENDRICKSON, Clerk
BONNIE OSBORNE, Treasurer
BRUCE T. CUTTING, Trustee
RONALD DERHAMMER, Trustee

RESOLUTION

**ANTWERP TOWNSHIP
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNICATIONS FIBER TO HOME INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, Antwerp Township is poised to attract new residential and commercial development, but this will not occur without the advanced communications infrastructure being constructed throughout the rural areas of our Township, and

WHEREAS, rural areas in our Township tend to be ignored and are not offered new technology by the large communications service providers, and

WHEREAS, rural Antwerp Township remains at a competitive disadvantage in a global economic world without the infusion of access to broadband internet, and

WHEREAS, the installation of broadband internet would improve educational opportunities, increase residential and business development, save energy by reducing transportation needs and create a countrywide communications network, and

WHEREAS, today's global economy is designed to utilize broadband internet for communications, commerce and source document retrieval, and

WHEREAS, broadband internet would create an opportunity for the development and expansion of home based businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antwerp Township Board hereby supports Antwerp Communications, Inc dba Bloomingdale Communications efforts to procure funds and construct a Fiber-to-the-Home infrastructure that will deliver broadband internet that rural Antwerp Township residents and businesses want and need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution should be distributed to all Antwerp Township units of government, Michigan 21st District State Senator Ron Jelinek, Michigan 80th District State Representative Tonya Schuitmaker, Michigan 6th District United States House Representative Fred Upton, United States Senator Carl Levin, United States Senator Debbie Stabenow and the United States Secretary of Agriculture to secure their support for Antwerp Communications, Inc. dba Bloomingdale Communications efforts.

Adopted: August 12, 2008

Date: August 18, 2008

Signed: _____



Antwerp Township Supervisor

DANIEL J. RUZICK, Supervisor
VIRG HENDRICKSON, Clerk
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Antwerp Township Supervisor

RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNICATIONS' PROPOSAL TO
CONSTRUCT A FIBER-OPTIC RING IN VAN BUREN COUNTY

WHEREAS, a fiber-optic ring would enable greater collaboration and teamwork between community service centers, public safety offices, and municipal offices in the County;

WHEREAS, a fiber-optic ring would reduce costs and create greater connectivity for Lawrence Public Schools;

WHEREAS, a fiber-optic ring would increase productivity by sharing support staff;

WHEREAS, a fiber-optic ring would connect Lawrence District Library with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs; and

WHEREAS, a fiber-optic ring would provide medical benefits to area hospitals by allowing software sharing between clinics, enabling the practice of tele-medicine, allowing staff resourcing between clinics, and connection to other medical resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees hereby supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County.

Resolution offered by THOMPSON and supported by REYNNELLS.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: ALL AYES

No: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

I hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees, County of Van Buren, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on June 11, 2009.

Date: 6/11/09



Sal Campagna, Lawrence Township Clerk

ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF BANGOR TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION 09-06

The undersigned, being all members of the Bangor Township Board, do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Bangor Township Board, Van Buren County, hereby supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our Township in the following ways:

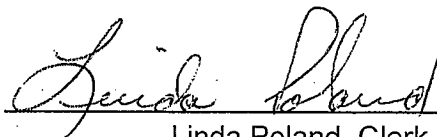
- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
- Reducing costs and creating greater connectivity for Bangor Public Schools.
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff.
- Connecting Bangor District Library with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
- Provide medical benefits to area hospitals by allowing software sharing between clinics, enabling the practice of tele-medicine, allowing staff resourcing between clinics, and connection to other medical resources.

Motion by: Ellis

Supported by: Houdek

Roll Call Vote Hoover: yes, Poland: yes, Houdek: yes, Ellis: yes, Karr: yes
Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0

Resolution declared Adopted
Effective Date: June 9, 2009



Linda Poland, Clerk
Bangor Township

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 09-03

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIBER-OPTIC RING IN VAN BUREN COUNTY

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall on June 10th, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Stein, Pioch, Dopp, Jessup, Fisher, DeGrandchamp, Bertorelli

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by DeGrandchamp, supported by Pioch.

WHEREAS, the Township supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our township in the following ways:

- Enabling greater collaboration and teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
- Reducing costs and creating greater connectivity for South Haven Public Schools.
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff.
- Connecting South Haven District Library with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
- Provide medical benefits to area hospitals by allowing software sharing between clinics, enabling the practice of tele-medicine, allowing staff resourcing between clinics, and connection to other medical resources.

ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE BOARD OF THE
WAVERLY TOWNSHIP

The Undersigned, being all members of the Township Board of Waverly Township do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:


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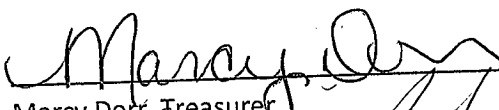
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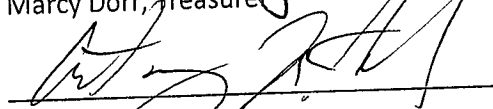
Paul Tomlinson, Supervisor



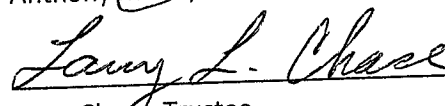
Linda Tomlinson, Clerk



Marcy Dorr, Treasurer



Anthony Millek, Trustee



Larry Chase, Trustee

RESOLUTION 2009-19
Fiber Optic Ring

The undersigned, being all members of the Columbia Township Board, do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

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The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Burgett and supported by Board Member Bradford.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted.

Bradford	aye
Burgett	aye
Nuismer	aye
Harrington	aye
Hurley	aye

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Date of adoption June 16, 2009


Mary Burgett
Columbia Township Clerk

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct transcript of action taken by the Columbia Township board, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan.

July 16, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

Bloomington Communications approached us as leaders in Arlington Township, Michigan about constructing a fiber optic ring in Van Buren County. This ring could connect county municipal buildings, community service centers and public safety offices within a fiber optic network.

The fiber ring could provide cutting edge connectivity to:

- Libraries
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- Public safety buildings
- Schools
- Village, township and government offices

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I support and ask you to please consider Bloomington Communications' proposal for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for my rural county.

Sincerely,

The Council of Arlington Township

Arlington Township

Wm S. Colgren Jr

Council Member

William R. [Signature]

Council Member

Stella [Signature]

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Martha Brezger

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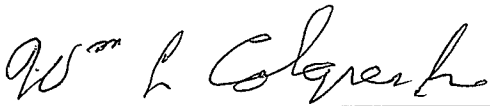
ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE COUNCIL OF ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP

The undersigned, being all members of the Council (the "COUNCIL") of ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the COUNCIL hereby supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our Village in the following ways:

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
- Reducing costs and creating greater connectivity for Paw Paw Public Schools.
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff.
- Connecting Van Buren District Libraries with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
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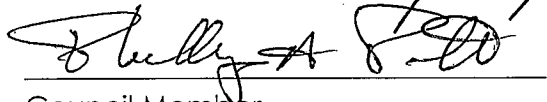
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Council Member

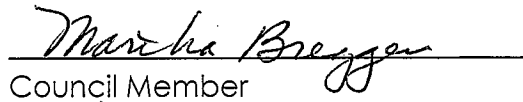


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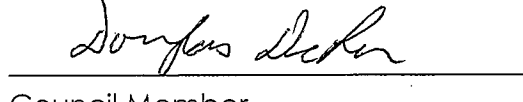


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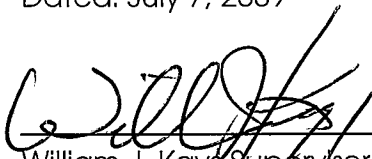
ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF KEELER TOWNSHIP

The Keeler Township Board (the "BOARD") passed the following resolution at the July 7, 2009 meeting and adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the BOARD hereby supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our township in the following ways:

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
- Reducing costs and creating greater connectivity for area Public Schools.
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff.
- Connecting with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
- Provide medical benefits to area hospitals by allowing software sharing between clinics, enabling the practice of tele-medicine, allowing staff resourcing between clinics, and connection to other medical resources.

Dated: July 7, 2009



William J. Kays Supervisor

ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
PAW PAW TOWNSHIP

The undersigned, being all members of the Township Council (the "COUNCIL") of Paw Paw Township do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

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- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
- Reducing costs and creating greater connectivity for area Public Schools.
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff.
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- Provide medical benefits to area hospitals by allowing software sharing between clinics, enabling the practice of tele-medicine, allowing staff resourcing between clinics, and connection to other medical resources.

Dated: July 27, 2009

David Richardson
Council Member DR

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May 1, 2009

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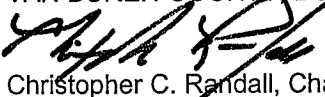
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Douglas S. Cultra, County Administrator

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Village Of Lawrence

157 N. Paw Paw

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Lawrence Michigan 49064

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May 12, 2009

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Sincerely,

Mary Webster, Village President
Village of Lawrence

Cc: Village File



CITY OF BANGOR CITY HALL

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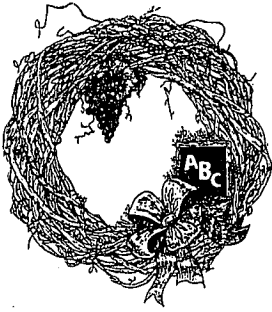
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Sincerely,

Michael Selden
City Manager, Bangor



VILLAGE of LAWTON

P.O. Box 367 • 125 S. Main St. • Lawton, Michigan 49065 • (269)624-6407

June 9, 2009

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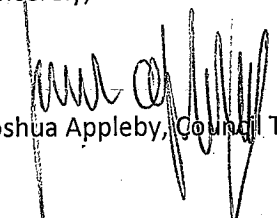
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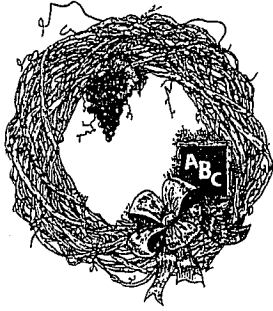
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Joshua Appleby, Council Trustee



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Sincerely,

Andrea K. Gailhouse, Village Clerk



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June 9, 2009

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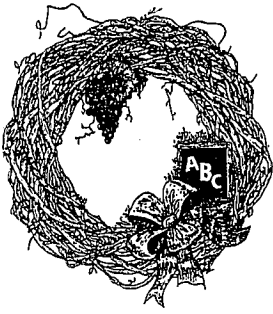
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Michael P. Grabbe, Superintendent of Public Works



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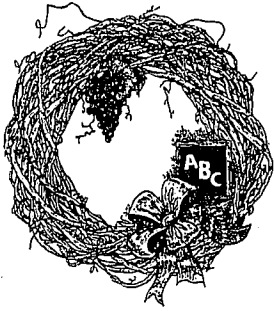
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Thomas N. Verburg, Chief of Police



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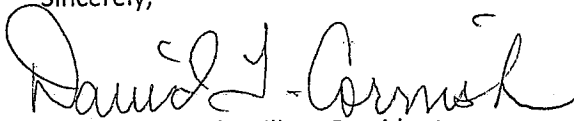
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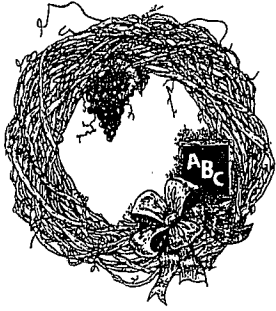
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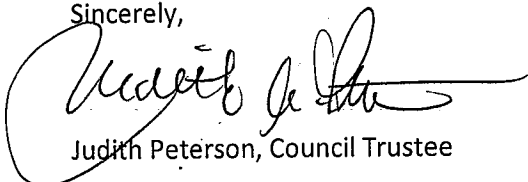
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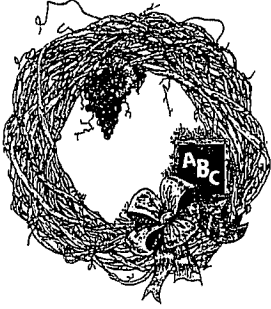
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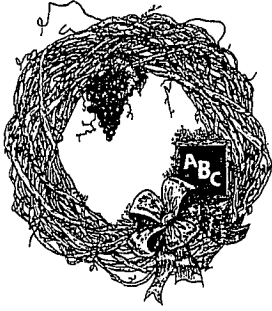
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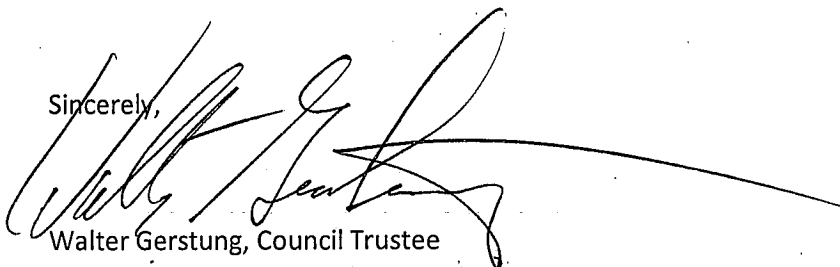
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Sincerely,



Walter Gerstung, Council Trustee



City of South Haven

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March 22, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4812
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of the City of South Haven, located in Southwest Michigan, I am writing in full support of the Application of Bloomingdale Communications, Inc. (Bloomingdale) under the NTIA's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) that will benefit our city by providing a fiber optic ring to provide cutting edge broadband connectivity to the following city community facilities:

- Libraries
- Health care facilities, including hospitals and clinics
- Community service centers
- Public safety buildings
- Schools
- Public service buildings
- Public works buildings
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In addition, it is anticipated that this project will benefit the City and its community constituents with the following connections:

- Allowing software sharing and staff resourcing
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The construction of this project will also provide for remote back-up, streaming media deployment, and disaster recovery, along with shared IP telephone, data centers and shared video with the advancements in our broadband technology.

The City has a growing demand and a need for improved high-speed broadband services and this project will be instrumental in providing expanded resources and access to upgraded connectivity. The Bloomingdale project, if

funded, will provide much needed broadband service and added capacity for county and municipal buildings, community service centers, and public safety offices. Attached is a map of the fiber optic service locations for all of the City of South Haven facilities that will benefit from this project.

The City of South Haven is currently exploring a commitment of up to \$165,000 for this project, as an aid to construction. In addition, the City of South Haven is committed to being involved in the general planning, development, and execution with Bloomingdale to ensure that the project best serves the needs of the community. Thank you for your consideration of the Bloomingdale Communications, Inc. BTOP project proposal and its benefits for improving access to high-speed broadband services for the City of South Haven.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Dissette". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian Dissette
City Manager

Enclosure Attached

Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County

Resolution 09-04

SUPPORT OF CONSTRUCTION OF A FIBER OPTIC RING IN VAN BUREN COUNTY

Whereas, demand for broadband services are continuing to increase; and

Whereas, demand for ever increasing broadband speed is expected to reach 100,000 kbs by 2020; and

Whereas, the importance of connections between systems is ever increasing; and

Whereas, Bloomingdale Communications proposes to construct a fiber optic ring in Van Buren County which will provide voice, video and data services to a greater number of homes and businesses at the 100,000 kps rate; and

Whereas, fiber optic broadband internet services are an improvement over T-1 lines; and

Whereas, fiber optic broadband services at these speeds will position much of the county for further economic development and entrepreneurial opportunities; and

Whereas, the system proposed has the potential to do the following:

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
- Reducing costs and creating greater connectivity for Public Schools.
- Connecting Paw Paw District Library with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
- Provide medical benefits to area hospitals by allowing software sharing between clinics, enabling the practice of tele-medicine, allowing staff resourcing between clinics, and connection to other medical resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE COUNCIL of the Village of Paw Paw, hereby supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County.



RESOLUTION #2009-04
ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF DECATUR

The undersigned, being all members of the Village Council (the "COUNCIL") of the Village of Decatur do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the COUNCIL hereby supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our Village in the following ways:

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
- Reducing costs and creating greater connectivity for Decatur Public Schools..
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff.
- Connecting Decatur Library with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
- Provide medical benefits to area hospitals by allowing software sharing between clinics, enabling the practice of tele-medicine, allowing staff resourcing between clinics, and connection to other medical resources.

Dated: May 4, 2009

Council President, Carl Wickett

Council Member, Ali Elwaer

Council Member, Tom Creagan

Council Member, Andrea Vaughn

Council Member, Mike Heflin

Council Member, Norma Strickler

Council Member, Paul Caron

Village Manager, Martin Super

Village Clerk, Lou Ann Conklin



Village Of Lawrence

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ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE

The undersigned, being all members of the Village Council (the "COUNCIL") of the Village of Lawrence do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the COUNCIL hereby supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our Village in the following ways:

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
- Reducing costs and creating greater connectivity for Lawrence Public Schools..
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- Connecting Lawrence District Library with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
- Provide medical benefits to area hospitals by allowing software sharing between clinics, enabling the practice of tele-medicine, allowing staff resourcing between clinics, and connection to other medical resources.

A motion was made by Curtis and supported by Alburthus to adopt this authorizing resolution.

Roll call vote

Yes: Curtis, Alburthus, Nower, Smith, Wayman, Glennie

No: None

Absent: Webster

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED: I hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Lawrence Village Council, County of Van Buren, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 12, 2009.

Date

5-12-09

Lucinda R. Nower, Clerk, Village of Lawrence

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Gerstung supported a motion by Peterson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Bloomingdale Communications has developed a proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County that would:

Enable greater collaboration and teamwork between community service centers, public safety offices and municipal offices;

Reduce costs and create greater connectivity for Paw Paw Public Schools;

Increase productivity by sharing support staff;

Connect local libraries as well as Van Buren District Libraries with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs;

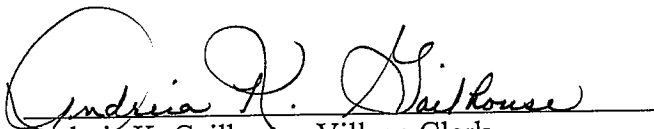
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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lawton Village Council hereby supports the endeavors of Bloomingdale Communications to construct the fiber-optic ring, as proposed.

Roll call vote: YEA: Peterson, Gerstung, Appleby, Claassen and Cornish. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Reeves and Price.

Motion declared carried.

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Lawton Village Council at their June 9, 2009 Regular Meeting.


Andrea K. Gailhouse, Village Clerk

June 5, 2009

I would recommend serious recommendation to Bloomingdale Communications' proposal for fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for my rural county.

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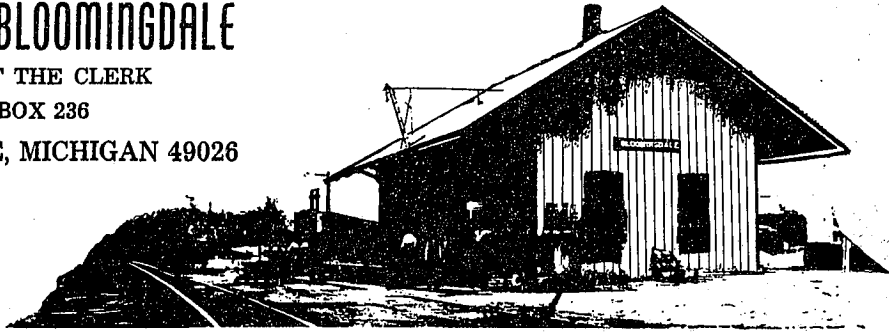
Yemi Akinwale
City Manager
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VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE

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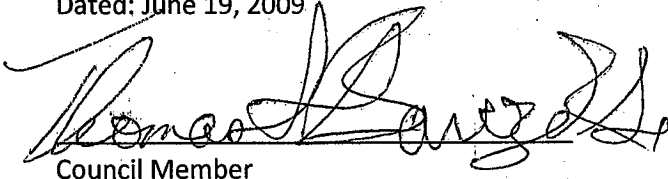
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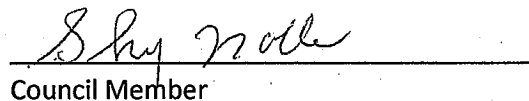
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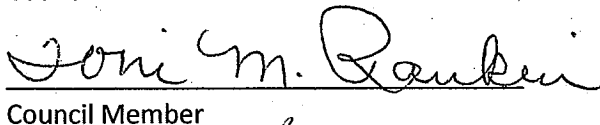
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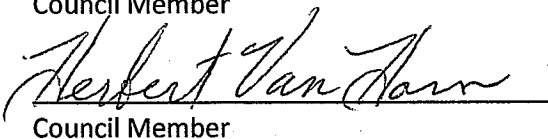
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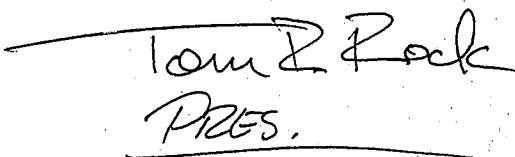

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ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN

The undersigned, being all members of the Village Council (the "COUNCIL") of the Village of Mattawan do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

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- Reducing costs and creating greater connectivity for Mattawan Public Schools.
- Increased productivity by sharing support staff.
- Connecting Antwerp District Library with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
- Provide medical benefits to area hospitals by allowing software sharing between clinics, enabling the practice of tele-medicine, allowing staff resourcing between clinics, and connection to other medical resources.

Dated: July 27, 2009

Terri McLean
Council Member

James Kirklin
Council Member

~~Margaret Ashbaugh~~
Council Member

Margot Bemer
Council Member

Richard Spulick
Council Member

Leslie Markle
Council Member

Harriet Kucinich
Council Member

Council Member

B. DDA MEETING JULY 16, 2009 President McLean

The DDA authorized up to \$7,000 for Christmas decorations, flags and banners. DDA also approved Karl Freed to move forward with the Main Street Plan in seeking some grant funds.

13. STAFF REPORTS

A. POLICE REPORT – CHIEF VERHAGE

There were 99 calls for service in the Village. We had two drunk drivers in the Village which is quite unusual. There were 25 citation written for the month of June.

14. OLD BUSINESS

A. BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNICATIONS

Approval of the Resolution and letter of support to Bloomingdale Communications.

Motion by Markle, support by Bemer, to approve the letter and resolution to the Bloomingdale Communications. Roll call vote. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

A. SCHOOL RESOURCE POSITION

Chief VerHage stated he had been in a meeting with Bill Disch the financial director and the new Superintendent Patrick Bird. The issue is financing. This position was a federally funded for three years and we had to guarantee the 4 year, which we fulfilled. When former Manager Kaplan was here we worked out another year of 50/50. For the past two years they school has paid two-thirds of that position which amounts to around \$47,000. This position was budgeted for this year in our budget with no monies coming from the school. The school has offered to pay \$15,000 of that position. According to the school they are in a financial crisis, just as many of us are at this time. The school is loosing some where around \$100 per student with is a big loss for the school at this time, and one reason they felt they could only offer the \$15,000. The \$15,000 would put an officer in the school approximately two days a week which the Chief feels would not work at this time. Chief stated Officer Hutchins in an excellent fit for the school, as he has been in that position for 7 years and to remove him at this time he feels would be detrimental to the school and the community. Hutchins has watched these kids for the past seven years and the school and Hutchins have worked very well together to handle all the school problems. Chief states this is a Council decision and at this time a part time position in the school is not beneficial at this time. The money has already been budgeted for this year but this is your decision. The school did ask about the grant officer position we applied for but Chief told them the Village would not know the out come of that until at least September. We have acknowledgement that the application was received but that is all at this time.

Bemer asked if we could take that \$15,000 and possibly put on another officer on the week-ends. Chief replied that could be a possibility. It would probably be a 7 pm to 3 am shift and be staffed by his part time officers. Bemer also stated she is in favor of putting Officer Hutchins back in the school. She feels he

**CITY OF HARTFORD
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
RESOLUTION #2009- 009**

The undersigned, being all members of the City Commission (the "COMMISSION") of the City of Hartford do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

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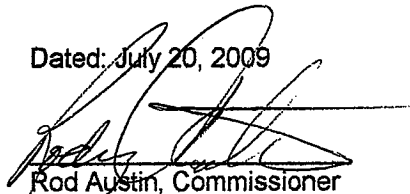
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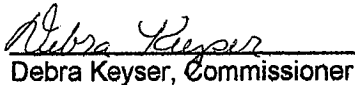
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Dated: July 20, 2009


Rod Austin, Commissioner

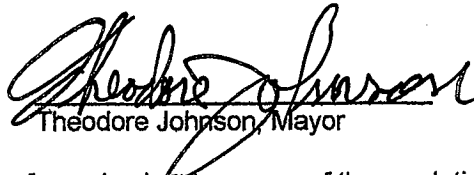

Richard Hall, Commissioner


Debra Keyser, Commissioner



Frank Dockter, Commissioner


Leo Latus, Commissioner


Natalie Rios, Commissioner


Theodore Johnson, Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hartford, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on July 20, 2009.


RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

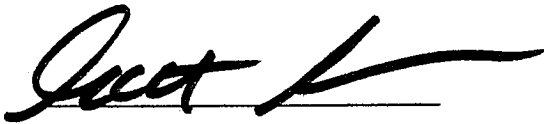
ACTION OF WRITTEN SUPPORT
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP

The undersigned, being all members of the Township Council (the "COUNCIL") of the Pine Grove Township do hereby consent to, approve and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the COUNCIL hereby supports Bloomingdale Communications' proposal to construct a fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. The fiber-optic ring would benefit our township in the following ways:

- Enabling greater collaboration & teamwork between community service centers, Public Safety offices, and municipal offices.
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- Connecting with other libraries, enabling distance learning and other programs.
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Dated: July 17 2009



SCOTT HESS

Pine Grove Supervisor

4. The Planning Commission is working on establishing Flood Plain Maps. Meert stated that we had to pass the resolution which would then enable people to purchase Flood Insurance for their homes. Hess stated we will table this until we have the Planning Commission's recommendations.

11. New Business:

1. Bloomingdale Communications has requested the support of Pine Grove Township in their effort to establish a Van Buren county Fiber Ring. Stone made a motion and it was supported by Richardson to write a letter of support for Bloomingdale Communications efforts to establish the Van Buren County fiber Ring. All yes. Motion passed.
2. Hess stated that we needed to establish the current millage rates and set a Public Hearing. Hess made a motion that was supported by Hephner that we accept the current millage rate and establish the Public Hearing for 6:00 PM August 13, 2009. Roll Call Vote: Richardson-yes, Meert-yes, Hess-yes, Hephner-yes, Stone-yes. Motion passed.
3. The assessor has inquired about establishing an Equalizer Internet Service which would make all parcel information assessable by internet. This would be of no cost to the Township, but Realtors and Title Companies would be able to assess the information at a cost of \$2.00 each time. The \$2.00 fee would be charged and collected by BS & A. Hephner's concern is that she would never want a resident to have to pay for this information. Hephner made a motion that was supported by Stone to table the issue of an Equalizer Internet Service for the Township parcels until more information could be obtained. All yes. Motion passed.
4. Hess stated we had received a letter from The Pine Grove Fire Department Administrative Board stating on several occasions the Ambulance had called the Fire Department as a first response for a medical emergency. The Fire Department would like this practice ceased immediately. They are not qualified nor do they wish to be put in the position where a Medical decision is of the utmost importance and should be done by a trained medical professional. The Fire Responders are not qualified or licensed for a medical emergency. Paul Root stated this issue has been addressed and Coloma Ambulance was writing a letter to the Pine Grove Fire



To Whom It May Concern,

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- Schools
- Village, township and government offices
- Commercial enterprises

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- Allowing software sharing and staff resourcing.
- Court systems would have added cost-saving benefits, such as video arraignments.
- Public safety offices, such as fire departments and emergency rescue, will be connected.
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- Providing high speed Internet to 2,834 rural subscribers.
- Providing high speed internet connection to current and prospective commercial enterprises.
- Increase the tax base through residential and commercial development.

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I support and ask you to please consider Bloomington Communications' Broadband Stimulus application for the fiber-optic ring in Van Buren County. It would bring much needed positive changes for rural Michigan and the recovery of the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,

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Paul M. Bowman
President/CEO

Local, National and Global Broadband Services

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March 4, 2010

Mr. Mark Bahnson
General Manager
Bloomingdale Communications
101 W. Kalamazoo Street
P.O. Box 187
Bloomingdale, MI 49026

Dear Mark,

I was excited to hear about the possibility of Bloomingdale Communications being part of the Stimulus Round 2 Grant Award. My understanding is that the goals of the program are to provide affordable broadband service to unserved and underserved areas throughout the State of Michigan. As a provider of internet services, I can certainly use higher bandwidth availability at reasonable rates. This will allow my company to provide my end users faster speeds at lower prices and also increase the take rate of high speed internet services offered by my company. I certainly support Bloomingdale in this project and any future proposed network expansions and programs to increase the availability of broadband connectivity at reasonable rates.

I would be willing to look to Bloomingdale for services for my customers in our service areas as well as future partnerships to provide competitive services to our joint customers. Good luck with your submission!

Sincerely,



James M. Burnham
President & CEO





STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

LANSING



JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

March 10, 2010

Assistant Secretary Larry Strickling
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
HCHB, Room 4812
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Strickling,

I am writing to express support for the Bloomingdale Communications' Van Buren Fiber Ring application to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Stimulus Program.

The Van Buren Fiber Ring is a project that will greatly benefit the residents of Van Buren County. Not only will it connect anchor institutions, but Bloomingdale will be able to build leverage to serve the homes and business in the region with a much needed broadband connection. This proposed project is similar to what Merit has been successfully promoting state-wide. The benefits to communities have been huge, and we expect a similar impact on Van Buren County.

The Van Buren Fiber Ring proposes to leverage successful Round 1 BTOP funded projects, such as those proposed by Merit Networks & Michigan State University, as well as working in conjunction with CTS Telecom, Inc., Great Lakes Comnet, the City of South Haven & the Van Buren Intermediate School District.

This project would provide much needed broadband connectivity to 13 schools, 10 libraries, 18 public safety offices, 16 government facilities, and 13 medical and healthcare providers. If not for this grant, the Van Buren County Fiber Ring will not be built.

I respectfully ask your office to recognize the worthiness of this proposal and fully award the requested ARRA dollars.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Theis
Director and CIO

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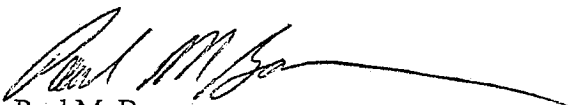
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President/CEO



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March 1, 2010

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Bloomingdale Communications
PO Box 187
101 W. Kalamazoo St
Bloomingdale, MI 49026

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The Van Buren Fiber Ring proposes to leverage our successful Round 1 BTOP funded project REACH-3MC (EasyGrants ID: 152). REACH-3MC is building middle fiber that the Van Buren Fiber Ring will connect to. The synergy is powerful and aligns with the statutory purpose of BTOP. Merit Network, Inc. is pleased to provide serve to Bloomingdale Communications and the Van Buren Fiber Ring to increase the value of the project to the anchor institutions of the region.

I strongly endorse you application for BTOP funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don Welch", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Donald J. Welch
Don.Welch@merit.edu
Merit Network, Inc.
1000 Oakbrook Drive, Suite 200
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104-6794

This is a summarized listing of all citizens of the General Public in support of the Bloomingdale Communications Fiber Ring project.

Name	City	State	Zip
Don Dickerson	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
Rudy Sover			
Rick Braden	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
Robin Empson	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
Raymond Lewis	Allegan	MI	49010
Denise Lewis	Allegan	MI	49010
Judith Kay	Hamilton	MI	49419
Dan Key	Hamilton	MI	49419
Shari Wykrewt	Gobles	MI	69055
Jeff Otten	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
Alice Noskey	South Have	MI	49090
Lisa Schneider	South Have	MI	49090
John Schneider	South Have	MI	49090
James H Sharl	Paw Paw	MI	49079
Lucas Myers	Gobles	MI	49055
Bev E Myer	Gobles	MI	49055
Allen Harris	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
Lois Harris	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
Karl E Stone	Paw Paw	MI	49079
Joyce R Stone	Paw Paw	MI	49079
John DeCrocker	Kalamazoo	MI	49009
Joyce DeCrocker	Kalamazoo	MI	49009
C T Deibel	Chicago	IL	60611
Dr R H Deibel	Osprey	FL	34229
Carol Deibel	Osprey	FL	34229
William Fritz	Gobles	MI	49055
Tim Remington	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
Chantelle Remin	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
Doris Chase	Paw Paw	MI	49079
Larry Chase	Paw Paw	MI	49079
Terry Dickerson	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
Cindy Dickerson	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
D Lee Miller	Allegan	MI	49010
Ruth Miller	Allegan	MI	49010
Gail Brindley	Allegan	MI	49010
Duane F Miller	Bangor	MI	49013
Kathryne Thiller	Bangor	MI	49013
Shirley Ross	Allegan	MI	49010
David Bly	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
Patricia Bly	Bloomingd:	MI	49026
Jon A Watson	South Have	MI	49090
Cheri L Watson	South Have	MI	49090
Kenneth & Lorrain	Allegan	MI	49010
Lorraine Weckm	Allegan	MI	49010

Frank Pean	Bloomingsd: MI	49026
Phyllis L Bodtke	Grand Junc MI	49056
Ronald Bodtke	Grand Junc MI	49056
Mark Dauber	Decatur MI	49045
Melinda Barrett	Decatur MI	49045
Leonard Melvin	Bloomingsd: MI	49026
Wilma Melvin	Bloomingsd: MI	49026
Debbie Foone	Bloomingsd: MI	49026
Eleanor Lorentz	Adrian MI	49221
Deanne Fontaine	Galesburg MI	49053
Donna Roundho	Bloomingsd: MI	49026
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Gary Ewert	Paw Paw MI	49079
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Joan Dean	Bloomingsd: MI	49020
Delores Dean	Portage MI	49002
Leo Dawn	Portage MI	49002
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David T Cornish	Lawrence	MI	49065
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