STATE OF ALABAMA	)	FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION
	)	REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY	)	MAY 15, 2023 8:30 AM

**PRESENT**: Honorable Barry Moore, presiding as Judge of Probate and Chairman, and Messrs., Jason Miller, Joseph Baldwin, and David Hester as Members. Absent: Chris Wallace.

ALSO PRESENT: Solid Waste Manager Gene Ward, Ron Coats of Franklin County EMA, County Engineer Jason Baggett, Mark Latham of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, County Attorney Roger Bedford, County Administrator Leah Mansell, John Pilati of the Franklin Free Press, Maria Camp of the Franklin County Times, Richie Hester, Karmin Scott and Sarah Harper of Vina High School, Belgreen Scholars' Bowl Team and Sponsor Mary Motes and BHS Assistant Principal Tracie Sutton.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Barry Moore called the meeting to order.

#### **INVOCATION**

The meeting was opened in prayer by Member Jason Miller.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Joseph Baldwin.

#### ROLL CALL

Chairman Barry Moore stated that all Members are present except Commissioner Wallace.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Moore read the resolution approved at the April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting recognizing Belgreen Scholars' Bowl team for winning the 2023 1A Alabama Scholastic Challenge.

Chairman Moore read a resolution recognizing Vina High School Senior Karmin Scott for winning the 2023 1A Girls' Javelin State Championship.

Chairman Moore stated that the resolution recognizing Vina High School Senior Karmin Scott for winning the 2023 1A Girls' Javelin State Championship would need to be added to the agenda as item number 8.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to add item number 8 to the agenda regarding a resolution recognizing Vina High School Senior Karmin Scott for winning the 2023 1A Girls' Javelin State Championship.

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the overall agenda as presented to include additions.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the April bills.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

#### AWARD FY2023 REBUILD ALABAMA PROJECT

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve to award the FY2023 Rebuild Alabama Project to the lowest responsible bid of Midsouth Paving in the amount of \$778,435.26.

Bid Tabulation as follows:

## COUNTY ENGINEER Jason Baggett



TELEPHONE - (256) 332-8434 EMAIL - jasonb@franklincountyal.org

# Franklin County Highway Department P.O. BOX 717 RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653

April 27, 2023

Honorable Barry Moore Chairman Franklin County Commission 405 North Jackson Avenue P.O. Box 1028 Russellville, AL 35653

RE:

Recommendation of Award

Project No.: RAAFCP-2023(001)

Resurface and Traffic Stripe on Hwy 77, Hwy 124, and Ledbetter Road in

Franklin County, Alabama

Dear Judge Moore:

Bids were opened for the above referenced project on April 19, 2023, at the Franklin County Commission Annex Building. Two bids were received with a low bid of \$778,435.26 submitted by Midsouth Paving, INC. I have reviewed all bids and recommend that the Commission accept the low bid and award the contract to Midsouth Paving, INC. A copy of the notice of award and official bid tabulation are attached with this letter.

Once the contract is awarded by the Commission, we will proceed with preparing contract documents for signatures and schedule a preconstruction meeting.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

Jason Baggett, F

Franklin County Engineer

Cc:

File

## **Notice of Award**

Project: Resurfa County (see full	ace and Traffic Stripe 3 Sites in Franklin project description below)	Owner: Franklin County Commission	Owner's Contract No.: RAAFCP-2023(001)
Contract:			2020(001)
Bidder: Midso	uth Paving, INC.		
Bidder's Addres	s: 23010 Highway 72 West		
	Tuscumbia, AL 35674		
24 to Hwy 4	Diduel and are awarded a Co	ted <u>April 19, 2023,</u> for the above Contract ntract for the Resurfacing and Traffic Stri AL-24 to AL-24), and Site No. 3 (Ledbett -2023(001)	ing on Cita Na 4 / h
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_2_co	pies of each of the proposed (	Contract Documents accompany this Noti	ce of Award.
You mu Award.	ust comply with the following	conditions precedent within [15] days of	the date you receive this Notice of
1.	Deliver to the Owner [2] for	ully executed counterparts of the Contrac	t Documents.
2.	Deliver with the executed Coto Bidders.	ontract Documents the Contract security B	onds as specified in the Instructions
3.	Other conditions precedent:		
Failure this Notice of	to comply with these conditior of Award and declare your Bid	ns within the time specified will entitle Own security forfeited.	ner to consider you in default, annul
Within t of the Contr	en days after you comply with act Documents.	the above conditions, Owner will return to	you one fully executed counterpart
	-	Franklin County Commission Owner	
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		Authorized Signature	
	-	Chairman Title	

NO.: KAAFCP-2023(001)	-2023(001)			Midsouth	Midsouth Paving, INC.	Rogers G	Rogers Group, INC.
Item No.	Description	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension
424A-340	Superpave Bituminous Concrete Wearing 424A-340 Surface Layer, 1/2" Maximum Aggregate Size Mix, ESAL Range A/B	4100	TON	\$ 108.25	\$ 443,825.00	\$ 110.17	\$ 451,697.00
424B-642	Superpave Bituminous Concrete Upper 424B-642 Binder Layer, Leveling, 1/2" Maximum Aggregate Size Mix, ESAL Range A/B	845	TON	\$ 124.52	\$ 105,219.40	\$ 136.91	\$ 115,688.95
430B-042	Aggregate Surfacing (Crushed Aggregate Base, Type A)	1450	TON	\$ 49.10	\$ 71,195.00	\$ 53.85	\$ 78,082.50
433A-000	433A-000 Scrub Seal	28700	SQ. YD.	\$ 3.56	\$ 102,172.00	\$ 3.97	\$ 113,939.00
701A-034	701A-034 Solid Yellow, Class 2T, Type A Traffic Stripe	10	MILE	\$ 3,190.01	\$ 31,900.10	\$ 3,560.57	\$ 35,605.70
701C-001	701C-001 Solid Temporary Traffic Stripe	10	MILE	\$ 1,018.66	\$ 10,186.60	\$ 1,136.99	\$ 11,369.90
703A-004	703A-004 Traffic Control Markings, Class 2T, Type A	92	SQ. FT.	\$ 10.72	\$ 986.24	\$ 11.97	\$ 1,101.24
705A-037	Pavement Markers, Class A-H, Type 2-D	622	EA	\$ 10.72	\$ 6,667.84	\$ 11.97	\$ 7,445.34
740B-000	Construction Signs	558	SQ. FT.	\$ 11.26	\$ 6,283.08	\$ 12.57	\$ 7,014.06
	Total Bid			\$	778,435.26	8 \$	821,943.69

I hereby certify that this is an official tabulation of the bids received for Resurface and Traffic Stripe on Hwy 77, Hwy 124, and Ledbetter Road in the Franklin County. Project No.: RAAFCP-2023(001)

Jasøh Baggett, 色度 AL#37957



Sheet 1 of 1

## <u>DECLARE 2018 TAKEUCHI MINI EXCAVATOR SURPLUS</u> <u>AND LIST ON GOV DEALS</u>

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve to declare a 2018 Takeuchi Mini Excavator surplus property and list on Gov Deals.

Letter as follows:



TELEPHONE - (256) 332-8434 EMAIL - jasonb@franklincountyal.org

#### Franklin County Highway Department P.O. BOX 717 RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653

May 2, 2023

Honorable Barry Moore Chairman Franklin County Commission 405 North Jackson Avenue P.O. Box 1028 Russellville, AL 35653

RE:

Surplus Property

Takeuchi Mini Excavator with Attachments

Dear Judge Moore:

I am recommending the following items be declared surplus property and listed on govdeals.com (see attached photos).

Equipment #	Year	Make	Model	Serial No. / VIN	Hours
8017	2018	Takeuchi	TB290	185105016	1323
Attachments					
Equipment #	Year	Make	Description		
8016	2017	Bobcat	Flail Mower		
N/A	N/A	N/A	Forks		
N/A	N/A	<b>Bush Master</b>	Brush Cutter		
N/A	N/A	N/A	Asphalt Cutte		

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please inform me.

Sincerely,

Jason Baggett, P County Engineer

Cc: File





#### Franklin County Highway Department P.O. BOX 717

RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653













#### **RESIGNATION OF GIS MANAGER**

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the resignation of GIS Manager Michael Hughes, effective May 17, 2023.

Letter as follows:



TELEPHONE - (256) 332-8434 EMAIL - jasonb@franklincountyal.org

#### Franklin County Highway Department P.O. BOX 717 RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653

May 2, 2023

Honorable Barry Moore Chairman Franklin County Commission P.O. Box 1028 Russellville, AL 35653

RE: Resig

Resignation of Employee

Dear Judge Moore:

This letter is to inform you and the Franklin County Commission that Michael Hughes is scheduled to resign effective May 17, 2023. I want to thank Michael for his twelve (12) years of service as the GIS Manager of the Franklin County GIS Consortium. It's been a pleasure working with Michael and I wish him and his family the very best in their future endeavors. Please see attached Michael's official letter of resignation.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please inform me.

Sincerely,

Jason Baggett, PE County Engineer

Cc: File

# Michael Hughes Resignation Letter

April 25, 2023

Jason Baggett

Franklin County Engineer

Mr. Baggett,

Kindly accept this letter as my formal resignation as the GIS Manager of the Franklin County GIS Consortium. My last day is expected to be May  $16^{th}$ , 2023.

I have enjoyed working here for the last twelve years more than I can express. I want to thank you, the county commission, and everyone involved in the GIS Consortium.

If I can help in any way during my final three weeks or thereafter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Michael Hughes

#### HIRE ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve to hire Caleb Sherrill as the Assistant County Engineer, effective June 12, 2023.

Letter as follows:



TELEPHONE - (256) 332-8434 EMAIL - jasonb@franklincountyal.org

#### Franklin County Highway Department P.O. BOX 717 RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653

May 1, 2023

Honorable Barry Moore Chairman Franklin County Commission P.O. Box 1028 Russellville, AL 35653

RE: Assistant County Engineer

Dear Judge Moore:

We had three applicants for our Assistant County Engineer position. After reviewing the applications, I found that one of the applicants did not meet the minimum requirements of the job description. I interviewed the remaining two and they were both outstanding. Both possess the skills necessary to be successful civil engineers, but one applicant stood out because of his experience and especially his experience directly working with county and city governments. I recommend Caleb Sherrill for the position.

Caleb will start at Step 5 (\$73,209.60 annually) as outlined in the attached memorandum regarding the salary scale for state participation for County Engineers and Assistant County Engineers salaries. Caleb's effective start date will be June 12, 2023.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please inform me.

Sincerely,

Jason Baggett, PE County Engineer

Cc: File



#### ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Local Transportation Bureau
1409 Coliseum Boulevard
Administrative Building, Room 110
Montgomery, Alabama 36110
Telephone: 334-353-6234 / Fax: 334-353-6550
www.dot.state.al.us



September 14, 2022

#### MEMORANDUM 2022-12

TO:

County Engineers

Region Local Transportation Engineers

FROM:

Bradley B. Lindsey, P.E., State Local Transportation Engineer

RE:

Salary Scale for State Participation for County Engineers and

Assistant County Engineers Salaries

Attached you will find the new salary scales to be utilized for the State's participation in the salaries of County Engineers and Assistant County Engineers (PE & EIT). The new salary scales are effective October 1, 2022 and are the result of the four percent cost of living (COLA) adjustment passed by the State Legislature in the 2022 regular session. This change will not result in an increase in salary but may result in an increase in the State's participation.

The salary scale for County Engineers is based on the Professional Civil Engineer II, Sr classification (State Pay Grade 0086 – Step 20). The salary scale for Assistant County Engineers is based on the Professional Civil Engineer I classification (State Pay Grade 0082 – Step 20).

The Department will continue to participate at a level of 70% of the County Engineers' actual salary up to the revised maximum of the Professional Civil Engineer II, Sr classification (State Pay Grade 0086 - Step 20). We also participate at a level of 50% of the Assistant County Engineers' salary up to the revised maximum of the Professional Civil Engineer I classification (State Pay Grade 0082 - Step 20).

Any County Engineer or Assistant County Engineer whose salary exceeded the previous maximum has had the State's participation recalculated as shown on the attached Salary Reimbursement Letter (if applicable). Please ensure that any salary reimbursement Claim for Refund for service dates October 1, 2022 reflect the new amounts.

As a reminder, the State will not automatically revise State participation for any changes in salary approved by the County unless we are notified. Therefore, we request that each County Commission submit a written request for State participation that includes the annual salary and

effective date of their County Engineer and Assistant County Engineer whenever there is an actual change in salary.

Please review the attached Salary Reimbursement Letter and contact this office if you should have any questions or comments concerning this matter.

#### BBL/jg

pc: Mr. John R Cooper, Transportation Director

Mr. Edward N. Austin, P.E., Chief Engineer

Mr. Clay McBrien, P.E., Assistant Chief Engineer, Policy and Planning

Mr. Sonny Brasfield, Executive Director, ACCA

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#### **EFFECTIVE July 1, 2022**

### For County Engineers

## Professional Civil Engineer II, Senior Salary Range

**Grade: 0086** 

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
SEMI-MONTHLY	\$3,728.30	\$3,819.90	\$3,913.40	\$4,011.70
PER ANNUM	\$89,479.20	\$91,677.60	\$93,921.60	\$96,280.80
MONTHLY	\$7,456.60	\$7,639.80	\$7,826.80	\$8,023.40
STATE SHARE (70%)	\$5,219.62	\$5,347.86	\$5,478.76	\$5,616.38
COUNTY SHARE (30%)	\$2,236.98	\$2,291.94	\$2,348.04	\$2,407.02
	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8
SEMI-MONTHLY	\$4,111.60	\$4,212.90	\$4,318.20	\$4,428.20
PER ANNUM	\$98,678.40	\$101,109.60	\$103,636.80	\$106,276.80
MONTHLY	\$8,223.20	\$8,425.80	\$8,636.40	\$8,856.40
STATE SHARE (70%)	\$5,756.24	\$5,898.06	\$6,045.48	\$6,199.48
COUNTY SHARE (30%)	\$2,466.96	\$2,527.74	\$2,590.92	\$2,656.92
	STEP 9	STEP 10	<u>STEP 11</u>	STEP 12
SEMI-MONTHLY	\$4,539.90	\$4,652.80	\$4,772.90	\$4,894.70
PER ANNUM	\$108,957.60	\$111,667.20	\$114,549.60	\$117,472.80
MONTHLY	\$9,079.80	\$9,305.60	\$9,545.80	\$9,789.40
STATE SHARE (70%)	\$6,355.86	\$6,513.92	\$6,682.06	\$6,852.58
COUNTY SHARE (30%)	\$2,723.94	\$2,791.68	\$2,863.74	\$2,936.82
	<u>STEP 13</u>	STEP 14	STEP 15	<u>STEP 16</u>
SEMI-MONTHLY	\$5,018.20	\$5,143.10	\$5,269.60	\$5,339.50
PER ANNUM	\$120,436.80	\$123,434.40	\$126,470.40	\$129,588.00
MONTHLY	\$10,036.40	\$10,286.20	\$10,539.20	\$10,679.00
STATE SHARE (70%)	\$7,025.48	\$7,200.34	\$7,377.44	\$7,475.30
COUNTY SHARE (30%)	\$3,010.92	\$3,085.86	\$3,161.76	\$3,203.70
	STEP 17	STEP 18	STEP 19	STEP 20
SEMI-MONTHLY	\$5,535.90	\$5,676.00	\$5,819.20	\$5,964.40
PER ANNUM	\$132,861.60	\$136,224.00	\$139,660.80	\$143,145.60
MONTHLY	\$11,071.80	\$11,352.00	\$11,638.40	\$11,928.80
STATE SHARE (70%)	\$7,750.26	\$7,946.40	\$8,146.88	\$8,350.16
COUNTY SHARE (30%)	\$3,321.54	\$3,405.60	\$3,491.52	\$3,578.64

# For PE & EIT - Assistant County Engineers Profession Civil Engineer I Salary Range Grade 0082

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
SEMI-MONTHLY	\$2,763.80	\$2,832.20	\$2,903.70	\$2,975.50
PER ANNUM	\$66,331.20	\$67,972.80	\$69,688.80	\$71,412.00
MONTHLY	\$5,527.60	\$5,664.40	\$5,807.40	\$5,951.00
STATE SHARE (50%)	\$2,763.80	\$2,832.20	\$2,903.70	\$2,975.50
COUNTY SHARE (50%)	\$2,763.80	\$2,832.20	\$2,903.70	\$2,975.50
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PER ANNUM	\$73,209.60	\$75,086.40	\$77,008.80	\$3,291.80
MONTHLY	\$6,100.80	\$6,257.20	\$6,417.40	\$79,003.20 \$6,583.60
STATE SHARE (50%)	\$3,050.40	\$3,128.60	\$3,208.70	\$3,291.80
COUNTY SHARE (50%)	\$3,050.40	\$3,128.60	\$3,208.70	\$3,291.80
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	\$81,007.20	\$83,004.00	\$3,545.30	\$3,636.90
MONTHLY	\$6,750.60	\$6,917.00	\$85,087.20	\$87,285.60
STATE SHARE (50%)	\$3,375.30	\$3,458.50	\$7,090.60 \$3,545.30	\$7,273.80
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COUNTY SHARE (50%)	\$4,111.60	\$4,212.90	\$2,656.92	\$4,428.20

#### HIRE PART TIME TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve to hire Michael Hall as a part time temporary employee, effective May 1, 2023.

Letter as follows:



TELEPHONE - (256) 332-8434 EMAIL - jasonb@franklincountyal.org

#### Franklin County Highway Department P.O. BOX 717 RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35653

May 2, 2023

Honorable Barry Moore Chairman Franklin County Commission P.O. Box 1028 Russellville, AL 35653

RE: Part-Time Temporary Employment Notification

Dear Judge Moore:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Mr. Michael Hall will be employed by the Franklin County Highway Department on a temporary basis working less than thirty(30) hours a week. Mr. Hall will be paid \$14.00 per hour. His effective date of hire was on May 1, 2023.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please inform me.

Sincerely,

Jason Baggett, PE County Engineer

Cc: File

#### PROBATE JUDGE

#### **COLLEGE AVENUE PRECINT RESOLUTION**

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the resolution moving the College Avenue voting precinct from the A.W. Todd Centre to the College Avenue Baptist Church.

Resolution as follows:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commission is responsible for the voting places throughout the County for Federal, State and local elections pursuant to 17-6-4(a) Code of Alabama 1975; and

WHEREAS, precinct 2-2 is referred to as College Avenue precinct; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2023, the Franklin County Commission approved to move the precinct from the A.W. Todd Centre to College Avenue First Baptist Church 521 College Avenue North, Russellville, AL 35653 to be more accommodating to voters; and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the College Avenue voting precinct is now located at the College Avenue First Baptist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Probate Judge of Franklin County, Alabama, the Board of Registrars of Franklin County, Alabama, and all appropriate State Agencies pursuant to Alabama Statutory Law.

Done this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION

Barry Moore, Chairman

Chris Wallace, District I

Jason Miller, District II

ATTEST:

ash Mansell County Administrator

Joseph Baldwin, District III

David Hester, District IV

#### **COURTHOUSE ANNEX PRECINT RESOLUTION**

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the resolution moving the Courthouse Annex voting precinct from the Elizabeth Lucas Courthouse Annex to the A.W. Todd Centre along with the Electric Warehouse precinct following a public hearing held on May 9 at the A.W. Todd Centre in which there was no opposition.

Resolution as follows:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commission is responsible for selecting the voting places throughout the County for Federal, State and local elections pursuant to 17-6-4(a) Code of Alabama 1975 and local act number 2017-230;

WHEREAS, to date the voters located in precinct 2-3 Courthouse in Franklin County have voted at the Elizabeth Lucas Courthouse Annex; and

WHEREAS, to date the voters located in precinct 2-5 Electric Warehouse in Franklin County have voted at the A.W. Todd Centre; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Franklin County Commission to promote greater voter participation by providing voting places that are accommodative to voters; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to officially change the voting place for precinct 2-3 pursuant to State Law, by official resolution of the Franklin County Commission, the governing body for Franklin County, Alabama.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the polling center for precincts 2-3 and 2-5 is the A.W. Todd Centre located at 201 N Washington Avenue South, Russellville, AL 35653.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Probate Judge of Franklin County, Alabama, the Board of Registrars of Franklin County, Alabama, and all appropriate State Agencies pursuant to Alabama Statutory Law.

Done this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION

Barry Moore, Chairman

Chris Wallace, District

Jason Miller, District II

Joseph Baldwin, District III

David Hester, District IV

ATTEST:

Leah Mansell, County Administrator

#### SHERIFF'S OFFICE/JAIL

#### HIRE DEPUTY

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve to hire Nathan Bohannon as a deputy, effective April 30, 2023.

Letter as follows:



## FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

748 WALNUT GATE ROAD RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35654

Office 256-332-8811

Jail 256-332-8425

Fax 256-332-8816

April 25, 2023

Barry Moore, Chairman Franklin County Commission PO Box 1028 Russellville, AL 35653

Gentlemen,

After reviewing applications and conducting interviews, I am hiring Nathan Walker Bohannon as a permanent full time Deputy Sheriff. Effective April 30, 2023.

Sincerely,

Shannon Oliver

Sheriff

#### **FMLA FOR DEPUTY**

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Joseph Baldwin, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve FMLA Leave for Courthouse Deputy Steve Bullion, effective March 23, 2023.

Letter as follows:



## FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

748 Walnut Gate Road Russellville, Alabama 35654

Office 256-332-8811 Jail 256-332-8425 Fax 256-332-8816

April 26, 2023

Barry Moore, Chairman Franklin County Commission PO Box 1028 Russellville, AL 35653

Gentlemen,

I am requesting Family Medical Leave for Steve Bullion. Steve is under a doctor's care since March 23, 2023Currently, we do not have a return-to-work date.

Sincerely,

Strannon Oliver

Sheriff

#### FMLA FOR CORRECTIONS OFFICER/DISPATCHER

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve FMLA Leave for Corrections Officer/Dispatcher Matt Waldrep.

Letter as follows:



## FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

748 WALNUT GATE ROAD RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35654

Office 256-332-8811

Jail 256-332-8425

Fax 256-332-8816

April 26, 2023

Barry Moore, Chairman Franklin County Commission PO Box 1028 Russellville, AL 35653

Gentlemen,

I am requesting Catastrophe Medical Leave and Family Medical Leave for Matt Waldrep. Matt's mom has been diagnosed with cancer and under doctor's care, she is extremely sick. Matt is an only child. Currently, we do not have a return-to-work date.

Sincerely,

Shannon Oliver

Sheriff

#### HIRE TEMPORARY CORRECTIONS OFFICER/DISPATCHER

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve to hire Bobby Swinney as a temporary Corrections Officer/Dispatcher, effective May 3, 2023, due to the military deployment of Corrections Officer/Dispatcher Zachary Cochran.

Letter as follows



## FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

748 WALNUT GATE ROAD RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA 35654

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May 1, 2023

Barry Moore, Chairman Franklin County Commission PO Box 1028 Russellville, AL 35653

Gentlemen,

I am hiring Bobby Swinney as a temporary Correction Officer / Dispatcher. Effective May 3, 2023. Bobby will be filling in for Zachary Cochran while Zach is on military leave for 12 to 18 months.

Sincerely,

Shannon Oliver Sheriff

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#### UPDATE PERSONNEL POLICIES, JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND PAY SCALES

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve to table updating the personnel policies, job descriptions and pay scales until more information is gathered.

#### NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK PROCLAMATION

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Jason Miller, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the National Safe Boating Week Proclamation for May 20-26, 2023.

Proclamation as follows:

#### NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

#### **Template Proclamation**

For over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast, and everywhere in between, people are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating, sailing, paddling and fishing. During National Safe Boating Week, the U.S. Coast Guard and its federal, state, and local safe boating partners encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly.

Safe boating begins with preparation. The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent nearly 83 percent of boating fatalities. Through basic boating safety procedures – carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober when navigating – we can help ensure boaters on America's coastal, inland, and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season.

National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year.

- Whereas, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; 75 percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and
- Whereas, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors; and
- Whereas, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets.

Therefore, I, <u>Commission</u> do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 20-26, 2023 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

In Witness Thereof, I urge all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

Given under my signature and the seal of at the city of Franklin, this day of May, 2023.

#### SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBER

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve to appoint Felisha Weeks to the Safety Committee to represent the Jail due the passing away of former Jail Administrator Theresa Oualls.

#### **BROADBAND APPLICATION**

It is on motion of Mr. Joseph Baldwin, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve that the Franklin County Commission proceed with its previously-decided plan to allocate and expend up to \$5,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds awarded to Franklin County by approving the Franklin County Broadband Grant Application process to identify a provider to expand broadband fiber optic infrastructure and service to populated areas of the county which are currently unserved or underserved in the manner and locations set out in the application. I further move that public notice of the grant opportunity be advertised in compliance with federal and state requirements and guidelines beginning on or about May 17, 2023 and that Franklin County Administrator Leah Mansell be designated to administer and oversee all aspects of the grant application and award process including, but not limited to, advertisement, submission, and application review, carefully complying with all federal and state requirements and guidance at each step of the process.

Application as follows:

# RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM AND APPLICATION

WHEREAS, The Franklin County Commission voted unanimously at its regular meeting on January 18, 2022 to allocate \$5,000,000 of available Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds Program (SLFRF) funds for the expansion of broadband fiber optic infrastructure in unserved and underserved portions of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the County has engaged in a broadband feasibility study to identify unserved and underserved areas of the county where expansion of broadband fiber optic infrastructure could be constructed; and

WHEREAS, following completion and thorough review of the broadband feasibility study, the County is ready to proceed with its planned broadband expansion project through a grant program designed to identify and award a grant to the most qualified provider applicant that can construct broadband fiber optic infrastructure and provide services in the unserved and underserved areas of the county as identified in the application to be advertised and solicited by the Franklin County Commission;

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION THAT:

- 1. The Franklin County Broadband Grant Application is hereby approved for advertisement and solicitation in compliance with federal and state requirements and guidelines, with said advertisement to begin on or around May 17, 2023;
- 2. Franklin County Administrator Leah Mansell is hereby designated to administer and oversee all aspects of the application process, including but not limited to,
  - (a) publishing and disseminating announcement of the grant opportunity as widely as possible and in compliance with federal and state requirements and guidance,
  - (b) monitoring the application process and addressing questions from potential applicants,
  - (c) providing for careful review of all properly-submitted applications received by the deadline for submission to allow for the grant award to be made to the most qualified applicant; and
  - (d) performing any other tasks as necessary and/or requested by members of the Franklin County Commission;
- 3. That following the submission and review of applications, the Franklin County Commission will by a vote of the county commission award a grant to the best qualified applicant and thereafter enter into an agreement for the project to be completed no later than December 31, 2026, with such agreement including all terms and conditions required by federal and state requirements and guidance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting of the Franklin County Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Franklin County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on this the 15th day of May, 2023.

Chairman, Franklin County Commission

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Franklin County Commission hereby provides public notice of a funding opportunity for a broadband infrastructure expansion project in designated areas of the county currently unserved or underserved with broadband service as identified and outlined in the grant application and accompanying maps. The Commission proposes to award a grant of up to \$5,000,000 utilizing funds available to the county through the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds Program (SLFRF).

#### GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Awarding Agency:

Franklin County Commission, funded through American

Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided by the United States Department of Treasury

**Funding Opportunity Title:** 

Broadband Infrastructure Expansion

**Funding Instrument Type:** 

Grant funded through ARPA

**Announcement Type:** 

Initial Grant Offering

Project Number:

01059-061-230308-0010

**Assistance Listings Number:** 

ALN 21.027

**Federal Assistance** 

Identification Number:

SLFRP2958

Application Availability:

Application packets will be available beginning May 17, 2023

Available through Franklin County's website at

http://franklincountyal.org/.

**Application Deadline:** 

Applications shall be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. on

June 30, 2023

Application Submission:

Applications shall be submitted to Franklin County

Administrator Leah Mansell at Imansell@hiwaay.net

#### **Applicant Eligibility:**

Eligible applicants include a cooperative, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, other private business entity, or unit of local government that currently provides broadband service. Vendors interested in participating in one aspect of the project are not considered eligible applicants but may partner with an eligible applicant.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This grant opportunity seeks a provider to expand broadband fiber optic infrastructure to populated areas of the county which are currently unserved or underserved with broadband internet service, identified in maps of the county provided in the application packet. The county has as its priority in awarding this grant that the successful applicant construct, to the greatest extent possible, last mile fiber optic broadband which can be extended to businesses and residences in the identified areas in the most affordable manner. The county further seeks to have infrastructure constructed in a manner that meets FCC standards and allows for future growth and expansion.

An application packet with accompanying attachments and maps may be obtained at <a href="http://franklincountyal.org/">http://franklincountyal.org/</a>. The application packet and attachments include all information regarding project requirements and priorities, application preparation and submission, evaluation criteria and process, and applicable terms and conditions for award.

### Franklin County Broadband Grant Application

### American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

#### Introduction

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021, and established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program. The program is intended to provide support in responding to the impacts of COVID-19 on communities, residents, and businesses. ARPA specifically provides funds to support broadband infrastructure projects. The state of Alabama recently ratified an amendment to its constitution allowing counties to provide funds to broadband providers with the goal of improving broadband access across the state.

Franklin County intends to dedicate an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 of its ARPA funds to support broadband access in the county. The county invites interested eligible applicants to apply for county ARPA funds to provide broadband service to specific unserved and underserved areas identified by the county as set out in the Project Description and County Priorities section below. Successful applicants will enter into a subrecipient agreement with the county to perform the services set forth in this application.

#### **Terminology and Definitions**

<u>Applicant</u>: A company or entity submitting required documentation for consideration of a grant under the terms and conditions of this Grant Application.

Application: Refers to the submission by an applicant in response to this solicitation.

<u>Broadband</u>: A high-capacity transmission technique using a wide range of frequencies, which enables large amounts of data to be communicated simultaneously. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) defines broadband as meeting minimum transmission speeds of at least 100 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 20 Mbps upload.

<u>Customer</u>: A resident or business located in the project area who has access to residential or business broadband service from an ISP.

<u>Eligible Applicant</u>: A cooperative, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, other private business entity or unit of local government that currently provides broadband service.

<u>Grant Application</u>: The solicitation submitted for consideration of receiving a grant that responds to the notice of funding opportunity advertised by the county and any attachments, exhibits, or addendum published or provided by the county.

<u>Inappropriate Communications</u>: Phone calls, meetings, conversations, texts, or other communications that ask questions about this solicitation in a casual or informal way.

<u>Project</u>: All work required to be performed to provide a total solution that meets the goals of the county as set forth in the Grant Application.

<u>Subrecipient</u>: Applicant awarded a grant by the county to provide a complete solution for the project as defined in the Grant Application.

<u>Subrecipient Agreement</u>: The contract executed between the county and successful applicant awarding the grant and setting out terms and conditions for performance of the project by the successful applicant.

Take Rate: The percentage of potential subscribers offered the service that actually do subscribe.

<u>Unserved and Underserved Areas</u>: Households or businesses that lack access to a wireline connection capable of reliably delivering at least minimum speeds of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload.

#### Submission Requirements and Deadline

Applications must be submitted to Franklin County Administrator Leah Mansell at <a href="mailto:lmansell@hiwaay.net">lmansell@hiwaay.net</a> no later than <a href="mailto:2:00 PM">2:00 PM</a> on Friday, <a href="mailto:June 30, 2023">June 30, 2023</a>, to be considered. One (1) original and one (1) electronic PDF copy must be submitted. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the electronic PDF copy is an exact, searchable copy of the original.

#### **Project Description and County Priorities**

Franklin County seeks to expand its broadband fiber optic infrastructure to populated areas of the county which are currently unserved or underserved with broadband internet service. The areas of concentration for this project are shaded in red and beige on the attached map, with the

red indicating unserved areas and the beige indicating underserved areas. The legend of the map identifies proposed fiber and cable routes for expansion of broadband in these areas. Portions of the red shaded areas on the attached map consist of timberland with no businesses or residences and will not be included in this project, which has as its priority to provide, to the greatest extent possible, last mile fiber optic broadband which can be extended to businesses and residences in these areas in the most affordable manner. The county is seeking to have infrastructure constructed in a manner that meets FCC standards and allows for future growth and expansion.

#### Questions

From the time that the Grant Application is published until such time as the County has entered into a subrecipient agreement, all informal communications between the County and the applicant(s) shall cease. Questions and clarifications shall only be submitted as set out herein. Inappropriate communications related to this Grant Application between the applicant or any agent of the applicant and the County, or any elected official, employee, or agent of the County, may result in disqualification from the process.

Questions and clarifications shall be directed to the County's sole point of contact, County Administrator Leah Mansell at <a href="mailto:lmansell@hiwaay.net">lmansell@hiwaay.net</a>. Questions must be received by end of day on June 23, 2023. If appropriate, the County will post answers to questions on its website, <a href="http://franklincountyal.org/">http://franklincountyal.org/</a>. All questions must be submitted in, and responded to, in writing to be relied upon by the applicant.

#### **Pre-award Requirements and Qualifications**

Eligible applicants may be a cooperative, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, other private business entity or unit of local government that currently provides broadband service. Engineering firms or other vendors interested in participating in one aspect of a solution, but that do not offer a complete solution, are not considered eligible applicants, but may partner with an eligible Applicant.

The Applicant shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, as well as any and all terms and conditions of the ARPA, including the Final Rule, published by the United States Department of Treasury on January 6, 2022, and as further provided in response to Frequently Asked Questions as may be published by Treasury, the 2021 SLFRF Compliance Supplement and the 2022 SLFRF Compliance Supplement.

#### **Technical Requirements**

It is the goal of Franklin County that the successful applicant will provide affordable, last mile fiber optic broadband infrastructure that will run to the premises in the unserved/underserved areas identified in the project description, provide equal upload and download speeds, and provide a 500 up/500 down minimum speed threshold with the capability to increase speeds as technology

changes in the future. The service shall be self-supporting once construction is completed and shall be designed and implemented in such manner as not to become obsolete in the future.

Customers served because of an awarded project must not have existing access to reliable wireline 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload or greater, nor a commitment of federal or state funding to provide access to reliable wireline 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload or greater by December 31, 2024. Other areas that currently have access to reliable 100/20 Mbps service or greater may be included in the project if specific evidence is provided documenting the need for greater access, capacity, broadband speeds, resiliency, affordable access, or a service not offered by an existing provider that the proposed project will fulfill.

A professional engineer licensed in Alabama must approve the preliminary network designs as capable of delivering the stated speeds by including a stamped and dated certification signature that must be submitted as part of the application.

Customers served by an awarded project, upon project completion, must have access to an internet connection and at least one service offering that can transmit broadband signals at or above 100 Mbps of download speed and 20 Mbps of upload speed (100/20 Mbps). Projects capable of delivering higher speeds of 100/100 Mbps or greater are desired.

The county is required to obligate ARPA funds to an eligible broadband project by December 31, 2024, and work must be completed and related funds expended no later than December 31, 2026. The county intends to have the funds committed and work completed well before these deadlines, and within two years of the execution of any subrecipient agreements.

#### **Administrative Requirements**

Minimum legal terms and conditions that are applicable to this project are included by reference as **Attachment 1** to this Grant Application and shall be incorporated into any resulting Subrecipient Agreement. For convenience, available forms to be included in any Subrecipient Agreement are included in **Attachment 2** to this Grant Application. **Attachment 3** to this Grant Application includes excerpts from U.S. Treasury department guidelines for reporting of data and what data to report. Attachment 3 is provided as an example of the type of data reporting that will be required. Specific reporting and data requirements will be incorporated into any offered subgrant agreement. See also the Assistance Listing in SAM.gov under assistance listing number 21.027 for more information.

ARPA funds are required to be obligated by the county to an eligible broadband project by December 31, 2024, and work must be completed and related funds expended by no later than

December 31, 2026. The county intends to have the funds committed and work completed well before these deadlines, and within two years of the execution of any subrecipient agreements.

Subrecipients must comply with regular reporting requirements, including ongoing reports relating to speed, pricing, and data allowance information. ARPA Terms and Conditions, examples of required certifications, and examples of reporting requirements can be found in **Attachments 1, 2, and 3** to this Grant Application.

Prior to final payment and closeout, the subrecipient must provide independent inspection of the construction process (meaning the inspectors are independent from, and not employed by the applicant) verifying that the constructed network meets the design specification of the network.

Subrecipients must be willing to offer service to every home and business in the proposed service area. Subrecipients must provide at least one broadband solution that is affordable for the Customers in the project area. Additionally, Subrecipients must participate in the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) or provide access to at least one broad-based affordability program to low-income consumers. The obligation to participate in the ACP program must continue for at least five years.

Upon project completion, operational testing shall be provided by Subrecipient to confirm the level of service proposed in the Grant Application and Subrecipient Agreement. Such requirements shall not exceed in degree or differ in kind from testing and reporting requirements imposed on the recipient by the FCC, as adjusted for the service specifications in the subrecipient agreement.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

Franklin County Administrator Leah Mansell will develop and oversee an application review team to consider each application submitted to the county on a timely basis, with recommendations made to the county commission following completion of review. Review shall be based upon the objective criteria set out in this Grant Application. The county commission shall make its final decision regarding award of a grant and funding therefore based upon the overall conformance of responses to the grant application and county designated project area, as determined by the county commission. The county commission reserves the right to reject all applications submitted and make no grant award for this project.

Grant evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Percent
Operational Experience of the ISP	10%

2.	Construction Experience of the ISP	10%
3.	Grant Experience of the ISP	10%
4.	Project Approach	20%
5.	Customer Support, Service Offerings and Pricing	10%
6.	Schedule, Required Leases and Permitting	20%
7.	Project Budget, Matching Funds, and Business Plan Indications	20%
	Total	100%

#### **Grant Application**

**Instructions:** Complete the table below and be sure your answers in the table are consistent with the answers provided throughout the Application.

Project Name:		
Project Location:		
Legal Name of Entity:		
Mailing Address:		
Unique Entity ID:	FEIN:	
CAGE Code Expiration Date:		
Name and Title of Authorized Signatory:		
Name and Title of Project Contact:	V-H-V-	
Contact Phone:	Contact Email:	
Project Start Date:	Project End Date:	
Grant Amount Requested:	Match Amount Pledged:	
Total Project Cost:	ISP Total Years in Business:	
Total New Miles of Wireline:	Number of Addresses Passed:	

Narrative Instructions: The applicant shall provide a detailed narrative in response to the requests below. Attach supporting documents as requested and/or necessary. The narrative provided by the applicant must be provided in the following order and should be labeled and numbered consistent with this Grant Application.

#### 1. Operational Experience of the ISP- 10%

- 1.1 Provide an overview of the Applicant such as date established, number of employees, and website. The overview should specifically discuss whether it is owned, operated by, or affiliated with a local government, nonprofit, or cooperative. Applicants that are owned or operated by a local government, cooperative, or nonprofit will be given additional points on evaluation. All private businesses must be registered to do business in the state of Alabama.
- 1.2 List the counties in Alabama where the ISP currently provides broadband service.

- 1.3 How many broadband customers do you have in Alabama?
- 1.4 How many employees do you have in Alabama?
- 1.5 Describe the technical and managerial capabilities of the applicant including a description of key staff member role(s) on the project, and their availability to work on this project.
- 1.6 List any other states that the ISP provides active retail broadband service.
- 1.7 Describe other lines of business conducted by the applicant.
- 1.8 Describe any recent mergers or acquisitions.
- 1.9 Provide information (narrative or attachments) to demonstrate the financial viability and stability of the ISP. If the ISP declared bankruptcy in the previous 10 years, describe its status or resolution.
- 1.10 Describe any pending lawsuits related to the applicant's ISP business.

#### 2. Construction Experience of the ISP- 10%

- 2.1 Have you constructed broadband in Alabama previously?
- 2.2 Describe your previously constructed broadband, including dates of construction, number of passings, route miles, available speeds, etc.
- 2.3 Describe any ongoing broadband construction projects, including dates of construction, number of passings, route miles, available speeds, etc.
- 2.4 Describe any broadband construction projects that you have planned for the next two years, including number of passings, route miles, available speeds, etc.
- 2.5 Have you ever constructed, or do you plan to construct broadband in Franklin County or adjacent counties? If yes, where, and when?
- 2.6 Have you used your own employees for construction, contractors, or a combination of both? Provide details such as number of employees, names of contractors, etc.
- 2.7 Regarding engineering design of your broadband construction projects, do you use in-house engineers, consultants, or a combination of both? Provide details such as number of employees and their experience, names, and experience of consultants, etc.
- 2.8 Describe any efforts and opportunities to include local hires or local firms in your project.
- 2.9 Discuss any plans to use vendors and subcontractors that have been certified by the Office of Minority Business Enterprise or that are Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

2.10 Speak to the wages and benefits of workers on the proposed project by labor classification. Applicants are encouraged to provide prevailing wages for workers of the Project.

#### 3. Grant Experience of the ISP- 10%

- 3.1 In the past five years, have you received any state grants for broadband construction? If yes, describe your entity's experience in managing the state grant award(s), including the status of the grant(s) (pending award, awarded, closedout).
- 3.2 In the past five years, have you received any federal grants for broadband construction? If yes, describe your entity's experience in managing the federal grant award(s), including the status of the grant(s) (pending award, awarded, closed-out).
- 3.3 In the past five years, have you been awarded state or federal funds to construct broadband in any portion of the project area covered by this application? If yes, discuss and provide a copy of the corresponding grant application and grant agreement.
- 3.4 Do you have any pending state or federal grant/funding applications to construct broadband in any portion of the project area covered by this application? If yes, describe the scenario, including anticipated date of grant announcements, and provide a copy of the grant application(s).

#### 4. Project Approach- 20%

4.1 How many passings, to include households, businesses, and any community anchors (libraries, schools, police and fire stations, hospitals, etc.) does your engineering design identify in the project area? Complete the table below.

Households	Businesses	Community Anchors		

- 4.2 Discuss the proposed construction type or types and the reasons for your proposed approach including whether aerial or underground fiber is proposed. Applicants that provide a fiber solution will be given additional points on evaluation. If fiber is not proposed, provide a detailed explanation of the proposed construction type and why it was chosen.
- 4.3 Discuss the technology to be deployed, future usage projections, and the ability to upgrade.

- 4.4 Discuss the proposed broadband speeds to be provided, including at least 100/20 Mbps. Will the project have 100/100 or greater capability?
- 4.5 Attach a preliminary technical evaluation of the project stamped and signed, certified by an Alabama licensed Professional Engineer, including:
  - 4.5.1 A description of how the proposed infrastructure will provide the promised speeds of no less than 100/20 Mbps that is required to all potential end users in the project area.
  - 4.5.2 How the network will work using the proposed equipment, and how the network will be connected to sufficient backhaul infrastructure to support the proposed maximum speeds, including during peak hours.
  - 4.5.3 Describe your design philosophy for determining the size of customer nodes and for the expected level of oversubscription.
- 4.6 Do you anticipate supply chain issues, and if so, how will you address them?
- 4.7 Describe your process for identifying and mitigating utility conflicts.

#### 5. Customer Support, Service Offerings, and Pricing- 10%

- 5.1 The county desires a quality customer service experience for residents and businesses. Answer the following questions along with any other information you care to provide about your customer service:
  - 5.1.1 Where are your closest fiber-based broadband customers to the county?
  - 5.1.2 Where is the nearest office to the county that includes live customer service agents? Is this the location where calls from county customers will be answered? If not, provide the location (state/county) of customer service agents who will service county customers.
  - 5.1.3 Where will the home location be for any outside technicians who will be assigned to the service area?
- 5.2 When did the ISP begin participation in or when will the ISP begin participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)? Describe your experience with the program and the approximate number of customers utilizing the ACP discount.

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(ii) may only receive service with reduced performance ("throttling"), or (iii) incur extra charges for continued use. If none "Data Cap" should be any level of cumulative usage in a month above which users (i) cannot continue to use the service, Include the highest performance tier typica∥y offered to residential users and the most affordable tier typically offered 5.3 Proposed Residential Services- Complete the table below. Identify up to four proposed residential internet service tiers. to residential users. Pricing provided should be for stand-alone (unbundled) internet service and non-promotional. The in any category below, enter "N/A."

# **Proposed Residential Services**

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C. Upload Speed	(Mbps)		
D. Data Cap	(GB/month)		
E. Monthly Recurring Charge	(\$/month)		 
F. Recurring Mandatory Equipment Charges	month) (\$/month) (\$/month) (\$/month) (\$/month)		
G. Other Recurring Fees and Surcharges	(\$/month)		
H. Charge for Use above Data Cap	(\$/month)		
I. Total Monthly Charges (Add E-H)	(\$/month)		
J. Non-recurring Service Activation or Equipment Fees	(\$)		

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Cap" should be any level of cumulative usage in a month above which users (i) cannot continue to use the service, (ii) may include the highest performance tier typically offered to business users and the most affordable tier typically offered to business users. Pricing provided should be for stand-alone (unbundled) internet service and non-promotional. The "Data only receive service with reduced performance ("throttling"), or (iii) incur extra charges for continued use. If none in any 5.4 Proposed Business Services- Complete the table below. Identify up to four proposed business internet service tiers. category below, enter "N/A."

## **Proposed Business Services**

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J. Non-recurring Service Activation or Equipment Fees	(\$)			
I. Total Monthly Charges (Add E-H)	(\$/month)			
H. Charge for Use above Data Cap	(\$/month)			
G. Other Recurring Fees and Surcharges	(\$/month)			
F. Recurring Mandatory Equipment Charges	/month) (\$/month) (\$/month) (\$/month) (\$/month)			
E. Monthly Recurring Charge	(\$/month)			
D. Data Cap	(GB/month)			
C. Upload Speed	(Mbps)			
B. Download Speed	(Mbps)			
A. Tiers	F Z	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4

#### 6. Schedule, Required Leases, and Permitting- 20%

- 6.1 Provide a project timeline, including major project milestones showing that the project can be completed in a maximum of 24 months. Additional points may be awarded to applicants that commit to an expedited schedule of less than 24 months.
- 6.2 Discuss any easement and/or permitting requirements for the proposed project, including, but not limited to, county, municipal, or Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT).
- 6.3 Discuss any required pole attachment agreements and their status.

#### 7. Project Budget, Matching Funds, and Business Plan Indications- 20%

- 7.1 Complete Attachment 4- ACCA ARPA Broadband Grant Application Budget Workbook.
- 7.2 Use the Key Data Tab from the Budget Workbook to complete the summary table below.

#### **Key Budget Data Summary**

Total Grant Request Amount	·		
Total Matching Funds	 <u> </u>		
Total Other Funds			
Total Project Cost	 		
New Miles of Wireline	 	- <del> </del>	
Total Addresses Passed			
Grant Amount Per Mile of Wireline	 ···	10 T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T	
Grant Amount Per Address Passed			

7.3 For any proposed matching funds or other funds claimed on the budget breakdown tab, describe the source of funds, and attach appropriate backup documentation committing the matching or other funds, including a signed letter, resolution, grant agreement, etc.

#### Certifications

1.	By signing below, I certify that the project is designed to, upon completion, meet or exceed 100 Mbps download speed and at least 20 Mbps upload speed.					
Na	ame	Date				
2.	By signing below, I confirm that the IS participate in the Federal Communica Program (ACP).	nfirm that the ISP does, or will upon completion of the project, eral Communications Commission (FCC) Affordable Connectivity				
Na	ıme	Date				
3.	By signing below, I confirm that the apstate, and local laws, and further has rof the county's ARPA award (Attachme	oplicant will comply with all applicable federal, read and will comply with the terms and conditions ent 1), should a grant be awarded.				
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Nar	me	Date				
5.	By signing below, I confirm that the applicant is not debarred or suspended from receiving federal funds consistent with 2 C.F.R. Part 180.					
Nar	me	Date				

#### RESOLUTION FOR VINA 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

It is on motion of Mr. Jason Miller, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board to approve the resolution honoring Vina High School Senior Karmin Scott for winning the 2023 1A Girls' Javelin State Championship.

Resolution as follows:

#### Resolution

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commission and Probate Judge Barry Moore note with immense pride and admiration the recent success of Vina High School Senior Karmin Scott, and

WHEREAS, it is with great honor and pleasure that Vina High School Senior Karmin Scott is congratulated on winning the 2023 1A Girls' Javelin State Championship at the AHSAA 1A-3A Outdoor State Track and Field Championships in Cullman, and

WHEREAS, it is noted with great pride and distinction throughout the County that the Vina High School Senior Karmin Scott had a throw of 126.4 to win the state title and was within three feet of the state record. She was also named 1A-3A Girls MVP based on her 31 points, the best among all female athletes who completed in the two day event; and

WHEREAS, Vina High School Track and Field Coach Richie Hester through his strong leadership, did encourage and promote the best skills of the Track and Field team members and,

WHEREAS, it is noted that Vina High School Senior Karmin Scott has strong support from her community, parents and school, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Probate Judge Barry Moore and Members of the Franklin County Commission, namely Chris Wallace, Jason Miller, Joseph Baldwin and David Hester, note with great appreciation the fact that Vina High School Senior Karmin Scott's effort has brought great pride to the entire County and favorable attention to the great school system at Vina High School by bringing home the championship and indeed she brings great honor to herself and her coach, and is deserving of highest praise for her dedicated efforts and accomplishments; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND PROBATE JUDGE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, that in recognition of outstanding achievement, Vina High School Senior Karmin Scott is most highly commended and congratulated as the 2023 1A Girls' Javelin State Champion and it is directed that a copy of this resolution be provided for appropriate presentation and display with best wishes for future success.

Adopted this 15th of May, 2023.

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Attest:

Leah Mansell, County Administrator

Barry Moore, Chairman

Chris Wallace District I

Jason Miller, District II

Joseph Baldwin, District III

David Hester, District IV

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It is on motion of Mr. David Hester, second by Mr. Jason Miller, that the meeting be adjourned.

Barry Moore, Chairman

Absent\_

Chris Wallace, District I

Jason Miller, District II

Joseph Baldwin, District III

David Hester, District IV