

Town of Fulton
Rock County

Resolution 2020-_____

The Town of Fulton, a Wisconsin Municipality, acting pursuant to its authority under Wisconsin Statutes, hereby consents to the following resolutions, with said consent to have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote thereon:

WHEREAS, CenturyLink , is a provider of Internet services to the Fulton Town Hall, a government entity, along with area town residences; to include properties on Consolidated School Rd., Cox Rd., Curharken Dr., Curharken Ct., CTH M, E Deer Run Park Rd., Fulton Center Dr., Kidder Rd., Lockwood Dr., Manogue Rd., Moore Rd., N. Hwy. 51, Pine View Ct. and Pine View Dr.; and

WHEREAS, property owners on the above mentioned roads are underserved CenturyLink customers, and pay for Internet service to CenturyLink, receiving only up to 1.5 Mbps of speed; and

WHEREAS, the DSL line that serves the above listed roads is at maximum capacity, and new property owners cannot hook up because it is at full capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Internet is an integral part of all business conducted by the Town of Fulton; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a very evident strain and inconvenience for all property owners and businesses who are subscribed to CenturyLink's Internet services, limiting, if not prohibiting the ability to work, educate/learn, and live stream; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fulton requests CenturyLink commence a project consisting of the construction and operation of broadband/fiber optic communications services to provide more advanced infrastructure to unserved and underserved residents of the Town of Fulton; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Fulton, in recognition of the broadband underserved areas of its community, seeks to enter into a quasi-public/private venture to obtain, maintain and increase broadband coverage for the support of education, health care, growth of business, retention of existing business, tourism promotion, and overall economic vitality and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Fulton requests CenturyLink to pursue any immediate or future Broadband Expansion Grants offered by and through the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the undersigned as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Fulton authorizes CenturyLink to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Public Service for any available broadband expansion grants; and

RESOLVED, that if there are no grants available by the State of Wisconsin Public Service, that CenturyLink address the upgrade to the above listed area in their yearly list of equipment upgrades; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the duly appointed Town of Fulton representative is authorized to do all such acts and to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents as he or she may be authorized by the Town of Fulton Board to be necessary or desirable in order to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of this resolution, and all of the acts of the Town of Fulton which are in conformity with the intent and purposes of these resolutions, whether previously or subsequently taken or done, are in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

Dated this _____ day, of June, 2020

Town Chair - Evan Sayre

Attest: _____
Connie Zimmerman- Town Clerk/Treasurer