Resolution NO. 24-2412

RESOLUTION FOR A BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY

Whereas, Saline County, Kansas finds that broadband internet availability is of critical importance to all people living, visiting, and doing business in Saline County, Kansas, and

Whereas, the Kansas Office of Broadband Development recently created the ability for Kansas communities to be designated as "Kansas Broadband Ready Communities" and

Whereas, Saline County, Kansas, seeks to promote private investment in broadband infrastructure, and

Whereas, Saline County, Kansas, seeks to be designated as a Kansas Broadband Ready Community,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SALINE COUNTY, KANSAS, THAT:

- 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of County resolution, the following shall apply:
 - a. Saline County, Kansas, Kansas shall appoint a single point of contact for all matters related to a broadband network project:
 - i. The single point of contact documentation shall include:
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Position and title
 - 4. Direct Phone Number
 - 5. Email

The single point of contact shall be available for matters related to a broadband network project or a related liaison who may direct such inquiry in real-time, with general scope and responsibilities to include permitting and right-of-way and iii. The single point of contact information must be current to maintain designation by updating with such changes in contact information on the web pages and associated sources within 15 calendar days of change.

Saline County shall,

- i. Establish procedures to allow all forms, applications, and documentation related to a project to be reviewed and either approved or denied within thirty (30) business days after the application is submitted and to allow the project to be filed or submitted and signed by electronic means, where possible.
- b. Saline County shall not,
 - i. Impose a fee for reviewing an application or issuing a permit for a project beyond what is permissible in K.S.A. 17-1902;
 - ii. Discriminate among broadband, telecommunications, utilities, or cable service providers with respect to granting access to public rights-of-way,

infrastructure, poles access, or any other physical assets owned or controlled by **Saline County**,

2. Saline County acknowledges that:

Jamie R. Doss, County Clerk

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a. A Kansas-certified Broadband Ready Community has an affirmative duty to notify the Kansas Office of Broadband Development of any changes to the information submitted as part of its application, and failure to inform the Kansas Office of Broadband Development of changes may result in revocation of Saline County's Broadband Ready Certification, should the certification be granted.

Adopted by the Board of Saline County Commissioners this 8th day of October, 2024.

Joe Hay Jr., Chairman

Rodger Sparks, Vice Chair

Absent

Monte Shadwick, Secretary

James Weese, Commissioner

Robert Vidricksen, Commissioner