

Grant County Digital Network Coalition
Tuesday, March 17, 2020
6:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

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- 1. OPEN AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MINUTES**
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** – Chair Walker will welcome the public and ask if there is anything they would like to add to tonight’s agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. NONE**
 - None

ACTION ITEMS

- 5. REVISED EDA GRANT SCOPE**

Attachments:

 - GCDNC & OTC Fiber Optic Infrastructure Feasibility & OPC Report
- 6. REPORT ON HB 4079**

Attachments:

 - House Committee on Revenue - Testimony from City of John Day

OTHER BUSINESS & UPCOMING MEETINGS

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TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition

FROM: Nicholas Green, Executive Director

DATE: March 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda Item #4: None
Attachment(s)
• None

BACKGROUND

No items on the consent agenda.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

N/A

Consent Agenda. None.

Recommendation: None.

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition

FROM: Nicholas Green, Executive Director

DATE: March 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5: Revised EDA Grant Scope
Attachment(s)

- GCDNC & OTC Fiber Optic Infrastructure Feasibility & OPC Report

BACKGROUND

The FY19 Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) came out in August 2019. Major Disaster Declaration 4452 includes Grant County. EDA has allocated \$587 million in Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program funds under this Disaster Supplemental NOFO among its six Regional Offices that cover the applicable disaster areas.

This agenda item updates the EDA Grant Scope. The intent is for this scope of work to be included in the City of John Day application that will be submitted in April.

DISCUSSION

Commstructure has revised its opinion of probable cost (OPC) based on the network design in the enclosed feasibility report.

This report outlines conceptual and preliminary aerial and underground fiber optic infrastructure routes and design for six (6) county and/or city facilities that were identified for consideration along with strategic routing that creates access points for future laterals and connections. In addition, this report outlines two (2) fiber optic infrastructure routes for Oregon Telephone Company. A construction and design cost estimate was completed using the preliminary KMZ design and is summarized by location herein.

The proposed additions to the network are as follows:		Estimated Cost
□ Grant County Digital Network Coalition (GCDNC)		
• Grant County Regional Airport (Shared with OTC)		\$460,250.00
• Humbolt Elementary School		\$46,662.50
• Grant County Circuit Court and Sheriff		\$120,012.50
• Innovation Gateway		\$287,950.00
• Aquatic Center/7 th Street Sports Complex		\$58,993.75
• Blue Mountain Hospital (two (2) options are presented)		\$85,068.75
□ Oregon Telephone Company		
• Valley View		\$505,437.50
• <u>City of John Day Expansion</u>		<u>\$132,406.25</u>
Combined Total:		\$1,696,781.25

NEXT STEPS

We are continuing to coordinate with the Grant County Emergency Communications Agency (GCECA) to develop a wireless communications strategy, but it is unlikely the county will be prepared to submit their portion of this grant due to personnel turnover. As a result, we will proceed without them. If

GCECA is prepared with cost estimates for consoles or other infrastructure that would improve communications we will support their request within our application, but we will not delay our submission as it would put our application at risk for funding.

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition

FROM: Nicholas Green, Executive Director

DATE: March 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6: Report on HB 4079
Attachment(s)

- House Committee on Revenue - Testimony from City of John Day

BACKGROUND

HB 4079 proposed the following: Modifies definitions applicable for purposes of universal service surcharge. Subjects sale of retail commercial mobile radio services and retail interconnected voice over internet protocol services to universal service surcharge. Reduces rate cap to six percent of sale of services subject to surcharge. Directs Public Utility Commission to transfer up to \$5 million per year of moneys deposited in universal service fund to Broadband Fund. Establishes Broadband Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in Broadband Fund to Oregon Business Development Department to provide grants and loans through, and to administer, program related to broadband. Directs department to adopt program for providing grants and loans by rule. Directs department to report annually to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to telecommunications on status of Broadband Fund. Sunsets Broadband Fund, transfer of moneys from universal service fund to Broadband Fund and grant program on January 2, 2030. Becomes operative on January 1, 2021.

Full text of the engrossed bill is available here:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2020R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4079/A-Engrossed>

DISCUSSION

HB 4079 was proposed by Representative Pam Marsh. Its net effect is to create a \$5 million broadband fund to assist rural communities with broadband expansions by applying the universal service surcharge to wireless carriers that are currently exempt from the tax.

The measure was passed by the House Revenue committee and referred to Ways and Means. It was assigned to the Subcommittee on Capital Construction and referred to Full Committee. A work session was held on February 28 and on March 3 was passed by the Joint Ways and Means Committee. It was scheduled for a third reading on the House Floor which never happened due to the walk-out (only three bills were passed during this year's session leaving about a hundred bills to die).

NEXT STEPS

This bill could be re-introduced at a special session or if it will be re-introduced in the 2021 regular session.

I have enclosed my testimony for the City of John Day in support of the bill, which was previously emailed to the board, for inclusion in our minutes and future discussion as this topic develops.

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition

FROM: Nicholas Green, Executive Director

DATE: March 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #7: Other Business and Upcoming Meetings
Attachment(s)

- Business Oregon Survey

OTHER BUSINESS

- None

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- TBD April or May – Board Meeting, 6 P.M. @ Fire Hall