

Miscellaneous Resolution # 05121

BY: Commissioner Chuck Moss, District #20, Eileen T. Kowall, District #6, David Coulter, District #25

RE: Board of Commissioners - Support for Wireless Oakland

TO: Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS the goal of Wireless Oakland is to prepare Oakland County and its workforce for the jobs and technology of tomorrow. In conjunction with the Emerging Sectors Initiative, it will enhance Oakland County's ability to attract and retain high-tech and nanotechnology corporations; and

WHEREAS Wireless Oakland's goal is to blanket the County's 910 square miles with wireless internet service and provide free high speed internet access to every resident business and visitor in the County; and

WHEREAS another goal of Wireless Oakland is to address the County's "digital divide" and provide low-cost or no-cost personal computers and technology training to underserved population groups; and

WHEREAS Wireless Oakland will also enhance the residential character of our local communities and further distinguish Oakland County as a great place to live, work, and play. It will support a growing mobile workforce and elevate the technical knowledge of its current and future workforces; and

WHEREAS Wireless Oakland will play a key role in the transformation of government services throughout Michigan and support the continued provision of Oakland County's eGovernment services well into the future; and

WHEREAS members of the State House Energy and Technology Committee have made inaccurate claims that the Wireless Oakland initiative is anti-competitive and gets local government too deeply into the private sector. In an effort to stall or derail this project a moratorium on wireless expansion in the State of Michigan has been proposed; and

WHEREAS Wireless Oakland will not use public tax dollars and grant monies to subsidize the creation of the network and does not in any way create government control over private business; and

WHEREAS Wireless Oakland's private partners will be selected in a competitive bid process and shall not have any permanent or exclusive rights. The wireless network will be installed, owned and operated by private partners; and

WHEREAS Wireless Oakland facilitates a competitive public-private partnership that encourages the development of new businesses, as well as, creative new opportunities for information service delivery; and

WHEREAS the Wireless Oakland initiative will be a tremendous asset for attracting and retaining businesses and for fostering job creation in Oakland County, southeast Michigan and the State of Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby affirms its support for the Wireless Oakland initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is opposed to any effort by the State Legislature to place a moratorium on the expansion of all wireless technology in the State of Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk is requested to forward a copy of this adopted resolution to the members of the House Energy and Technology Committee, the Oakland County delegation to the State Legislature, the Michigan Association of Counties, and Oakland County's Legislative Lobbyists.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

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Moved by Moss supported by Crawford the rules be suspended and Miscellaneous Resolution #05121 – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT FOR WIRELESS OAKLAND be brought before the Board for immediate consideration.

Vote on suspension of the rules:

AYES: Gershenson, Gregory, Hatchett, Jamian, Kowall, Long, Melton, Middleton, Molnar, Moss, Nash, Palmer, Patterson, Potter, Rogers, Scott, Suarez, Wilson, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Coleman, Coulter, Crawford, Douglas. (25)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted therefore, the motion to suspend the rules carried, and Miscellaneous Resolution #05121 was before the Board for immediate consideration.

Moved by Moss supported by Crawford the resolution be adopted.

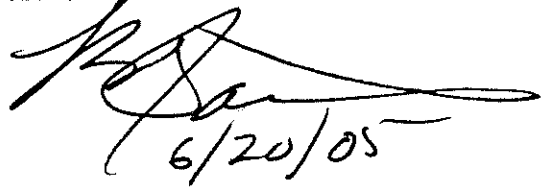
Vote on adoption of resolution:

AYES: Gregory, Hatchett, Jamian, Kowall, Long, Melton, Middleton, Molnar, Moss, Nash, Palmer, Patterson, Potter, Rogers, Scott, Suarez, Wilson, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Coleman, Coulter, Crawford, Douglas, Gershenson. (25)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted therefore, the resolution was adopted.

I HEREBY APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION



6/20/05

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Ruth Johnson, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on June 16, 2005 with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 16th day of June, 2005.



Ruth Johnson, County Clerk