

RESOLUTION 8-1

**WHEREAS**, the current pandemic has highlighted the critical need for reliable broadband access for all citizens. Lack of access to broadband caused severe hardship to families who were not able to have consistent access for remote learning and other critical activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of access to broadband has disproportionately negative impact on the economic activities in rural and lower income areas. Businesses find it difficult to establish operations in areas lacking reliable broadband access and employees are not able to work remotely without that access; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring access to broadband to the entire county will help grow the economy and provide opportunities for citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance will act as lead agency to identify the best path forward for establishing county-wide broadband access; and

**WHEREAS**, the SSGA will acquire the services of a highly-qualified and experienced entity to help identify the underserved areas of the county. Then, a plan will be developed to bring broadband to these underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, leveraging the investments and abilities of public and private broadband providers will be critical to developing the final solution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sangamon County Board, in session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, does hereby engage the SSGA to conduct a broadband feasibility study for Sangamon County for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ Finance \_\_\_\_\_ Committee \_\_\_\_\_ October 12 \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

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