



# **Dakota Broadband Board Update/Recommendation**

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- Formed by Dakota County and 10 of the 11 large cities in 2017
- Unresolved issues since inception
- Dakota Broadband Board asks for Dissolution Plan at July 2022 meeting
- Interim Executive Director worked with Dakota County City/County Managers Association and Dakota Broadband Board Technical Advisory Committee to develop the draft dissolution plan

- Dakota Broadband Board voted on November 9<sup>th</sup> to table consideration of the dissolution plan to May 1, 2023, on a 5-3 vote
- Joint Powers Agreement
  - Dissolution plan (majority vote)
  - Dissolution vote (supermajority with weighted vote)
- Future options
  - 1) Withdrawal
  - 2) Continue to offer potential partnerships with other members for post Dakota Broadband Board
  - 3) Work Independently to maintain our system post Dakota Broadband Board

- Dakota County provides financial management services to the Dakota Broadband Board

- Indefeasible right to use agreements
  - Dakota County will require each city to sign to use the County fiber network going forward
  - Required regardless of how we move forward
  - Agreement clarifies that the County assets are to be used for government purpose

# Recommendation



- Based upon discussion that occurred at the budget work session, County staff is recommending the County Board withdraw from the Dakota Broadband Board effective immediately and the termination of the financial management services agreement with the Dakota Broadband Board.
- In addition, approval of the indefeasible right to use agreement with each city that plans to continue to use the County fiber network going forward.

# Questions



- County staff will answer any questions you may have on this issue