

# ***RESOLUTION NO.: 127—2024-25***

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

***MAJORITY***

1       The Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program has been established  
2       to provide significant funding to expand high-speed internet access across the United States  
3       and funding is available for unserved and underserved households and businesses within  
4       Outagamie County. The BEAD Program aids to bridge the digital divide by ensuring that  
5       all Americans, regardless of their geographic location, have access to reliable and  
6       affordable broadband services.

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8       The availability of BEAD funding is crucial for supporting infrastructure projects that will  
9       enhance connectivity for unserved and underserved households and businesses in  
10      Outagamie County. The purpose of BEAD funding includes promoting economic growth,  
11      improving educational opportunities, and enhancing healthcare services through better  
12      internet access.

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14      The Outagamie County Board of Supervisors recognize that broadband connectivity and  
15      reliability is critical infrastructure for health, safety, and quality of life for all community  
16      residents to participate in the full benefits of society and economy, including access to  
17      telemedicine, education, and economic opportunities. Brightspeed is seeking BEAD  
18      funding for Outagamie County.

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20      NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Property, Airport, Recreation and  
21      Economic Development Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

22      BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does endorse Brightspeed's  
23      application for Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) funding to bring fiber to 2,544  
24      eligible Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) in Outagamie County, and

25      BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does endorse the  
26      application of Brightspeed for BEAD funding to support their broadband infrastructure project in  
27      Outagamie County, and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to provide the attached letter, which by reference is made a part hereof, to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and Brightspeed which outlines this endorsement and verifies the applicant and geographic location affected, and include the minutes from this County Board meeting, as well as forwarding a copy of this resolution to the Outagamie County Development and Land Services Director.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,  
PROPERTY, AIRPORT, RECREATION &  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed:

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Board Chairperson

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County Clerk

Approved:

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Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed:

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County Executive

Outagamie County Clerk Letter Head

[Date]

Cru Stublely  
Secretary to the Commission Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705

Dear Mr. Stublely,

I am writing to confirm that on [Date of County Board Meeting], the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors voted to approve Resolution [Resolution Number], endorsing Brightspeed's application for Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) funding to support broadband infrastructure projects in Outagamie County. Enclosed with this letter are the official minutes from the meeting, as well as a copy of the resolution for your reference.

The Outagamie County Board recognizes the critical importance of broadband connectivity in bridging the digital divide and supporting economic growth, educational opportunities, and healthcare services throughout our community. As outlined in the resolution, the BEAD Program provides essential funding to expand high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved households and businesses in Outagamie County, thereby enhancing quality of life and enabling residents to fully participate in our society and economy.

Brightspeed's application aligns with Outagamie County's strategic goals to improve broadband access and reliability, essential for health, safety, and economic development in our region. Therefore, we are pleased to endorse Brightspeed's efforts to secure BEAD funding and support their commitment to enhancing broadband infrastructure in Outagamie County.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you require any further information or documentation regarding this endorsement.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kelly Gerrits  
Outagamie County Clerk

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