

**Resolution 58:**

With growing interest in rural broadband access, the Dunn County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 58 on June 15, 2016; committing “to strengthening and maintaining broadband infrastructure throughout Dunn County at levels that allows for education, business and industry to compete on a global level, based on data capacity, speed and adoption.” The resolution became a catalyst that supported the service provider West Wisconsin/24-7 Telcom expanding fiber broadband to the unincorporated Village of Rusk in the Town of Red Cedar that year and broadband expansion grants there after.

**REPORT & RESOLUTION NO. 58**

Supervisor Stori moved for adoption of Resolution No. 58 supporting improved broadband service availability access and utilization in Dunn County, seconded by Supervisor Solberg. Chairman Rasmussen noted this resolution falls in line with the Dunn County Directional Plan. Supervisor Solberg spoke to the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 58  
SUPPORTING IMPROVED BROADBAND SERVICE AVAILABILITY,  
ACCESS AND UTILIZATION IN DUNN COUNTY**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Dunn County Board of Supervisors is committed to strengthening and maintaining broadband infrastructure throughout Dunn County at a level that allows for education, business and industry to compete on a global level based on data capacity, speed and adoption by the Dunn County, WI citizens; now and in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Dunn County Board of Supervisors designates the Community Resources and Tourism Committee as the body responsible for developing and recommending policy to the Board of Supervisors related to broadband infrastructure.

Offered this 15th day of June, 2016, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

OFFERED BY:

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND TOURISM

ENACTED ON: June 15, 2016

COMMITTEE:

Sheila Stori, Chair

ATTEST:

Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:

Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

**Budget Impact:** This resolution has no impact upon the budget or levy for 2016 or 2017.

**Background Information:** Improved access to advanced broadband services is paramount to the health and wellbeing of Dunn County citizens, business, industry and agriculture in the areas of communication, public safety, educational excellence, economic development and growth, tourism, emergency management, entertainment, medical services and usages being and yet to be developed.

However, large portions of Dunn County are underserved as to the availability and access to adequate broadband service.

Cooperative efforts between county, city and township government entities with the broadband providers that serve the County is necessary for success. To that end, the Dunn County Board of Supervisors desires to establish a role as a driver of the initiative to increase the availability, delivery, and utilization of broadband services throughout the county.