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## Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: December 21, 2021

Title of Item: Award Internet Service Provider- CARE-21-0011-O-FY21

REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	Direction Requested		
CONSENT AGENDA	Approve/Deny Motion	Discussion Item		
	Adopt Resolution (attach dra *provide	aft) Hold Public Hearing* e copy of hearing notice that was published		
Submitted by: Mark Jeffers		Department: Administration		
Presenter (Name and Title):		Estimated Time Needed:		
Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator		10 minutes		
Summary of Issue:				
Aitkin County has been awarded the Community Development Block Grant for Broadband Development. Aitkin County has been awarded \$4,823,654 from the State of Minnesota, acting through the Department of Employment and Economic Development, Business and Community Development Division.				
As required, Aitkin County requested proposals for local Internet Service Provider management services for the purpose of collaborating, managing and executing the broadband project, CARE-21-0011-0-FY21. Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative submitted a proposal for this project.				
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Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:				
Recommended Action/Motion: Adopt resolution to award Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative as the management service Internet Provider for CDBG-CV CARE-21-0011-0-FY21.				
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this What is the total cost, with tax and	white and there	✓ No		
Is this budgeted? Yes	No Please Exp	lain:		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

## Award Internet Service Provider- CARE-21-0011-O-FY21

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County published an RFP for local ISP management services for the purpose of collaboration, managing and executing the broadband project CARE-21-0011-0-FY21, AND

WHEREAS, bids were due on September 10, 2021 AND

WHEREAS, Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative was the sole bidder for CARE-21-0011-0-FY21.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative will be awarded the broadband project CARE-21-0011-0-FY21.

Commissioner XXXXX moved for adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

## FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting

## STATE OF MINNESOTA} COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the <u>21st day</u> of <u>December</u>, <u>2021</u> and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of December, 2021

Jessica Seibert County Administrator