

Resolution # 10-03-02

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING SUPPORT FOR A BRAZOS VALLEY REGIONAL FIBER OPTICS NETWORK & FUNDING THROUGH THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

Whereas, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) identifies five overarching purposes:

- (1) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery
- (2) Assisting those most impacted by the recession
- (3) Providing investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health
- (4) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits
- (5) Stabilizing state and local government budgets; and

Whereas, the Recovery Act further instructs the President, federal departments, and federal agencies to manage and expend Recovery Act funds to achieve the above purposes; and

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has established the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) which extends loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas in the United States; and

Whereas, the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has established the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) to provide grants for deploying broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas of the United States; and

Whereas, the Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG) seeks funding through RUS and NTIA to facilitate broadband deployment in rural, unserved, and/or underserved areas in the Brazos Valley; and

Whereas, BVCOG seeks to provide the "middle mile" for high speed digital connectivity to rural, unserved, and/or underserved areas of the seven county region making broadband infrastructure capacity, connectivity and services available to, among others, rural health clinics, mobile data connections in ambulances, public computer centers, emergency facilities, libraries, rural workforce development offices, community centers, and senior centers; and

Whereas, construction jobs shall be created in the short term and, when the regional fiber and wireless network is operational, new long term economic development opportunities are anticipated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF JEWETT THAT:**

- 1) The City of Jewett fully supports the fiber network concept as put forward by the BVCOG to expand fiber optic and wireless networks in the Brazos Valley as detailed in this resolution.
- 2) With this resolution, the City of Jewett supports the BVCOG in its August 14, 2009 application.
- 3) That this resolution is effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8 day of March 2010.

ATTEST:




Judi Kirkpatrick, Mayor, City of Jewett


Susan Cupit, City Secretary, City of Jewett