

RESOLUTION #10-0315-09

EXPRESSING THE BOARD'S SUPPORT OF A COUNTY-WIDE RESPONSE BEING SUBMITTED BY THE DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CITY OF DELAWARE TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE GOOGLE FIBER FOR COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE AND AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH EFFORT.

WHEREAS, a Request for Information ("RFI") has been issued by the Google Fiber for Communities initiative seeking data from communities interested in pursuing participation in its anticipated development of universal ultra-high speed internet access networks in selected locations across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Commissioners and the City of Delaware have indicated a willingness to prepare and submit a response to the RFI on a county-wide basis; and

WHEREAS, such action is in the best interest of Liberty Township, the City of Delaware and Delaware County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Township Trustees of Liberty Township, Delaware County, Ohio, supports the preparation and submission by the Delaware County Commissioners and City of Delaware of a county-wide response to the Request for Information issued by the Google Fiber for Communities initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board specifically supports the inclusion of Liberty Township in the scope of such response and commits to participate in the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator shall forthwith direct an email or letter to the Delaware County Commissioners and City of Delaware affirming the consensus of the Board in this matter.

This Resolution shall be in force and become effective immediately upon its execution.

Motion made by Mann and seconded by Sybert.

Vote: Absent Ms. Carducci yes Mr. Mann yes Mr. Sybert

3-15-10
Date

Robert Mann
Robert Mann, Trustee
Curtis J. Sybert
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CERTIFIED BY:

Mark S. Gerber
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Mary Carducci
Mary Carducci, Trustee

County officials offer support for high-speed network

By ANDREW TOBIAS
Staff Writer

Delaware County elected officials have put their support behind a city-led effort to convince Google to build a high-speed Internet network in Delaware County.

County auditor George Kaitsa said his office is com-

piling information on the county's demographic breakdowns and broadband Internet availability as part of an application to Google.

Google is seeking one more trial location across the country for its first foray into providing Internet service. Google would own the network, but could lease it out to some areas, to the more afflu-

ent, suburban southern part of the fiber-optic network are major cities like San Francisco, Seattle and Washington D.C. In addition, Topeka, Kansas recently terminated itself as being "Google, Kansas" in hopes of attracting the technology giant's attention.

Among those competing for Please see GOOGLE, Page 3

The county's network is meant to piggyback on a separate network being built by local cooperative Consolidated Electric, Co. to extend a connection to Columbus, which will essentially connect the county to the rest of the world.

County officials have repeatedly referred to fiber-optics as the "fourth utility" essential to attracting new businesses. Fiber-optic lines can deliver information up to 100 times faster than traditional broadband Internet services. County officials hope to upgrade its fiber optic infrastructure to match or exceed neighboring communities such as Dublin and New Albany.

Consolidated Electric, Delaware city and Ohio Health are part of a nonprofit consortium known as the Delaware Area SuperHighway (DASH) that aims to expand access to high-speed Internet across

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Earlier this week, Delaware County commissioners issued a resolution in support of the project. Other area communities including Powell and Sunbury have also offered their support.

However, even if Delaware is not selected, the county government is moving forward with its own ongoing fiber-optic plans. County officials are in the process of drafting a request for proposals — the first step in the competitive bidding process — to hire a firm to build a county-owned fiber optic network along the U.S. 23 corridor.

"Google is just icing on the cake," county commissioner Todd Hanks said. The county spent \$5,000 in January to hire a consultant to help with the request for proposal, which will be done in the coming days, Hanks said.

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Subject: Google Network RFI
Attachments: Google_Fiber_for_Communities (3).pdf

Dear Delaware County local official:

You or your local government Information Technology designee (the person responsible for your computer system) are invited to attend a special Delaware County Local Government meeting hosted by the City of Delaware and Delaware County to discuss a potential high speed network experiment being undertaken by Google. The meeting will be Friday, Feb. 26 at 9:30 a.m. at Mingo Park in Delaware. We apologize for the short notice for this meeting, but we just recently received the 'Request For Information' from Google and the deadline to respond is March 26.

The Google Opportunity

Google is seeking communities of at least 50,000 residents to implement and test ultra high speed broadband networks across the country. The expectation is that this network will be implemented not just for businesses, but for home use as well. The goal is to provide fiber optic connectivity to each home in the selected communities. In our case, we will be responding as a county to reach the minimum number of residents required.

What does this mean for Delaware County?

If our community is selected by Google to participate, it means potential significant technological progress to all of our citizens. It means having choices when it comes to Internet access and services. It means having choices with what services our citizens have with respect to television offerings. It means having even more choices for telephone services. It should mean lower cost for each of these items, and it should mean more reliability for each one of them as well. It means having a competitive advantage in the marketplace for education, health, income, and businesses.

What is the cost?

It won't be free for our residents, but it will be competitively priced. The most significant price we will pay is the time it takes, and the commitment we make to our citizens to put this together, and implement it—it will be a team effort. Google has asked for a significant amount of information about our communities. We need to gather this information as soon as is practical, so that it can be assimilated. The City of Delaware IT Dept. has agreed to compile all of the information that is provided by our county government jurisdictions. We believe that by presenting our information as a unified community, we will have a better chance to obtain this opportunity, than if we try it separately. We have a great story to tell, from our already high broadband adoption, to our high level of per capita educated citizens. The City and County are already participating in discussions to bring about a fiber optic network of this type to give our area a competitive advantage—now let's all get in this together and explore the Google project potential.

Meeting: Google experimental ultra high speed broad band RFI meeting

Who: For all Delaware County government jurisdictions - a local elected/appointed official or technology designee

When: Friday, Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Mingo Park recreation center; 90 E. Lincoln Ave., Delaware, OH

What to Bring to the Meeting

Please take a look at the attached document. We need for your government to at least read the document prior to the meeting. Bring your questions with you to the meeting. After the meeting, we will need the completed information as soon as possible so that we can put together the RFI. We will also want your organization to generate a letter of support for this RFI. For additional information, please contact Charles Ash at the City of Delaware.

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