

Government Operations Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 16, 2010 5:15 PM
Tompkins County Courthouse

Approved 4/15/10

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Lane	Chair	Present	
Carol Chock	Member	Present	
Dooley Kiefer	Member	Excused	
David McKenna	Member	Absent	
Pat Pryor	Member	Present	

Staff: C. Covert, Clerk of the Legislature; P. Younger, Deputy County Administrator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Resolution (DOC ID: 1887): Endorsing a County Response to Google, Inc., “Fiber to Communities” Request for Information, Expressing Interest in a Fiber Optic Network Trial

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol Chock, Member
SECONDER:	Pat Pryor, Member
AYES:	Michael Lane, Carol Chock, Pat Pryor
ABSENT:	David McKenna
EXCUSED:	Dooley Kiefer

WHEREAS, Google, Inc., a multinational Internet search technologies corporation headquartered in Mountain View, CA, is planning to launch an experimental ultra-high speed broadband network in one or more locations across the United States and is requesting information from interested local governments who wish to be considered as a trial site, and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2009, Tompkins County, in response to New York State Governor Paterson’s request for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) needs of local communities, included broadband expansion among the list of key reinvestment priorities for the County and its sixteen municipalities, and

WHEREAS, deploying broadband networks and advanced communications services throughout Tompkins County will enable continued improvements in community anchor institutions, such as public safety and healthcare, and in community support organizations, economic development, and eGovernment (electronic access to government information, services, and programs), and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County continues to affirm the need to work with public and/or private providers to attain development and implementation of new telecommunication technologies that best serve the interests and needs of local residents, particularly those located in unserved and underserved areas of the County, and

WHEREAS, if Tompkins County were selected by Google, Inc., to participate in the company’s ultra-high speed broadband network trial, this would provide not only a unique public/private partnership but also an extraordinary collaboration opportunity between the County and other local municipalities, local economic development entities, local health care facilities, and potentially three local and highly recognized institutions of higher learning, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That Tompkins County will work in partnership with local municipalities and other local public and private entities to develop a meaningful and competitive response to the Google Request For Information (RFI), with the intent to submit the response no later than March 26, 2010.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.