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Request for Legislative Action

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Resolution No.: 22248

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Date: April 20, 2026

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DEPARTMENT: 5th District

TITLE: A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with KC Digital Drive to provide professional services for the development of a Jackson County Broadband and Digital Equity Plan, at a total cost to the County not to exceed \$100,000.00 for Phase I services.

SUMMARY: Jackson County has an opportunity to develop a coordinated strategy for expanding broadband access and strengthening digital opportunity across the County. A countywide Broadband and Digital Equity Action Plan will help: Assess broadband infrastructure availability and performance across Jackson County; Identify service gaps and barriers to adoption and participation; Engage municipalities, ISPs, community organizations, anchor institutions, and residents; Identify potential projects and funding pathways to expand access and strengthen digital inclusion; and Provide a practical five-year roadmap for implementation. KC Digital Drive proposes completing the work in two phases: *Phase 1 - Analysis, Engagement, and Investment Strategy*. Estimated timeline: Approximately five (5) months following execution of the agreement, with completion targeted by December 31, 2026. Phase 1 activities include: Project Management and Stakeholder Engagement; Broadband Infrastructure Mapping and Technical Assessment; Digital Equity and Community Needs Analysis; Market Analysis and ISP Engagement; Funding Strategy and Financial Modeling. Additional

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Phase 1 deliverable: A Preliminary Broadband and Digital Equity Investment Pipeline identifying potential infrastructure and program initiatives, preliminary cost ranges, and potential funding/partnership opportunities. *Phase 2 - Action Plan Development and Policy Recommendations.* Phase 2 would build on Phase 1 findings to develop: Policy and governance recommendations; A comprehensive five-year Broadband and Digital Equity Action Plan; Final deliverables, executive summary, and presentation to the County Legislature or other designated audiences. Important note: KC Digital Drive indicates that Phase 2 scope, schedule, and budget would be finalized following completion of Phase 1 and considered through a future Jackson County fiscal year budget process. Total cost of Phase 1 is estimated not to exceed \$100,000.00. **Recommendation -** Jackson County Legislative Office 5th District, in partnership with the IT/GIS Department request the approval to execute a contract with KC Digital Drive under Chapter 10, Section 1030.7 for Phase 1 of the Jackson County Broadband and Digital Equity Action Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Phase 2 should remain contingent upon County review/acceptance of Phase 1 deliverables and future funding authorization.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:**NO**

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail
100,000.00	031 (911 System Fund)	5032 (911 Initiatives)	56070 (Intergovernmental Agreements)

YES **ACTION NEEDED:** AWARD A CONTRACT**ATTACHMENTS:**

Broadband Request for Proposal, Submission KC Digital Drive, Purchasing request memo