

Buffalo County Resolution



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Involved Committees:

Finance

Economic Development Committee

County Department:

Administration

Fiscal Impact: YES / NO

AC Approved: YES / NO

RESOLUTION # 20-08-04

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT TELECOMMUTER FORWARD! CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, in accordance with State Statute 196.5045, Buffalo County wishes to apply to the Public Service Commissioner for certification as a Telecommuter Forward! Community; and,

WHEREAS, Buffalo County supports and commits to promoting the availability of telecommuting options; and,

WHEREAS, Telecommuting is good for our region. Workers who can work remotely anywhere can purchase real estate adding to our tax base, send their children to schools in our communities; purchase goods and services, add to the overall economic development of our area, and enjoy the flexibility of working at home to promote a health family life; and,

WHEREAS, Telecommuter Forward! Certification will encourage municipalities and broadband providers to partner together to further job opportunities in the teleworking field; and,

WHEREAS, Trends are that rural population is declining, however, young to middle-age adults are moving back to rural areas; and,

WHEREAS, More Telecommuting jobs can keep the younger population here, encourage middle agers to stay or move back, and Telecommuting is a vibrant option for the 65 and over age group.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors designates the Buffalo County Economic Development Committee as the single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Economic Development Committee shall:

- Coordinate and partner with broadband providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees, and other telecommuting stakeholders.
- Collaborate with broadband providers and employers to identify, develop, and market telecommuter-capable broadband packages.
- Communicate and partner with broadband providers and economic development professionals to develop common goals.
- Promote telecommuter-friendly workspaces, such as business incubators with telecommuting spaces.
- Be familiar with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources.
- Maintain regular communication with state broadband office.
- Make regular reports to the governing body of the political subdivision.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 24th day of August, 2020.

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County Clerk

ATTEST:

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ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

None