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All,
Wanted to get everyone up-to-speed on recent applications and an upcoming proposal to the County to expand broadband access across a large portion of the County.
Attached is a proposal by Bug Tussel Wireless llc that they hope to present to the Clark County Board of Supervisors at the May 19th board meeting for a vote to approve this proposal.
This proposal would have Clark County guarantee $18 million in bonds that will be paid by Bug Tussel over a 30 year period. Clark County would not pay anything immediately and would only be required to pay anything should Bug Tussel default on the bonds, at which time Clark County would take ownership of 10 new cell phone towers, and 190.5 miles of fiber optic cable, and all connected electronic equipment.
Bug Tussel would also pay the County approx. $72,000 per year as part of this deal.
This would bring high-speed internet access to about 4304 residents and 227 businesses (some have no access and some currently have another provider). It would also add the 10 new cell phone towers, and fixed wireless internet for about 7000-8000 residents.
You can see the proposed fiber route and 10 new tower locations in the attachment. In the second attachment you can see the locations that would be eligible for the fiber internet access. There is also an attachment that shows where fixed wireless access would be available from the new cell towers. Speeds for fiber would be 200mbps for $64.99 and fixed wireless would provide 25mbps for $49.99.
Jackson, Taylor and Wood County are already working with Bug Tussel with the same type of financing.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me. Also, if you support this or don't support this, please contact your County Board Supervisor and let them know your thoughts.

We expect to hear back on the Grant applications from TDS, Bug Tussel, and Frontier in July.

Thank you,
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