

**Resolution 09-032**

**Advanced Broadband Infrastructure Deployment**

**WHEREAS;** Clay County has been asked to support a 21 County Broadband project in Southwest Georgia; and

**WHEREAS;** 20 of 21 of the counties have been identified through studies as "Persistent Poverty" counties as a result of poor educational attainment, lower health status and higher unemployment; and ;

**WHEREAS;** advanced broadband deployment is virtually non-existent in much of rural Southwest Georgia, impeding access to educational opportunities, healthcare, public safety and general economic development; and

**WHEREAS;** the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is providing funding through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the U. S. Department of Commerce for the propagation of Broadband; and

**WHEREAS;** advanced broadband infrastructure construction in southwest Georgia capable of acceptable bandwidth will never be enabled without the aforementioned assistance; and

**WHEREAS;** Clay County desires to deploy an advanced broadband system to provide broadband internet access to the un-served and underserved citizens within its' boundaries in cooperation with the Broadband project of the South Georgia Governmental Services Agency (SGGSA), South Georgia Regional Information Technology Authority (SGRITA), and Southwest Georgia Regional Technology Authority (SWGTA).

**NOW,** therefore be it resolved that the Clay County Commission supports the grant application by the South Georgia Governmental Services Authority to jointly provide advanced broadband services to Clay County and commits to entering into appropriate intergovernmental agreements to facilitate that end.

**COUNTY OF CLAY, STATE OF GEORGIA**

BY: David Shivers  Yea  Nay  
David Shivers, Chairman

By: Barry Waters  Yea  Nay  
Barry Waters, Vice Chairman

BY: Walt Killingsworth  Yea  Nay  
Walt Killingsworth

BY: ABSENT.  Yea  Nay  
James Davenport

BY: Radar Fair Sr  
Radar Fair

Yea

Nay

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Clay County, keeper of the records and seal thereof, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Clay County in public meeting assembled on 5/5/09 the original of which resolution has been entered in the official records of said political subdivision under my supervision and is in my official possession, custody and control.

Pam Ward  
Pam Ward, County Clerk