

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO,
SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY AT
THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION A BALLOT QUESTION
REGARDING WHETHER THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO
BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO MAY PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES, ADVANCED BROADBAND SERVICES, AND CABLE TELEVISION
SERVICES EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY WITH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
SECTOR PARTNERS**

WHEREAS, affordable, reliable, and innovative telecommunication services are essential for residents and businesses in today's economic environment and for quality of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Colorado General Assembly adopted Senate Bill 152, codified at C.R.S. 29-27-101, et seq., which provides that before a local government may provide telecommunications services, advanced services, or cable television services, an election must be held on the question of whether the local government shall provide the services; and

WHEREAS, the effect of Senate Bill 152 has been to restrict the ability of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado to improve Rio Blanco County's connectivity either through the provision of direct services or through partnerships with the public or private sector; and

WHEREAS, the ballot question must be approved by a majority vote before becoming effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

The following ballot question and title shall be submitted to the electors at the November 4, 2014 general election:

"Without increasing taxes, shall the citizens of the Rio Blanco County, Colorado, authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, to provide to potential subscribers including telecommunications service providers, residential, and commercial users within Rio Blanco County, all services restricted since 2005 by Title 29, article 27 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, including "telecommunications services," "cable television services," and "advanced services" which is defined as high speed internet access capability in excess of two hundred fifty six kilobits per second both upstream and downstream (known as "broadband"), including any new and improved bandwidth services based on future technologies, utilizing the existing community owned fiber optic network and/or developing additional infrastructure, either directly or indirectly with public or private sector partners."

YES/FOR _____

NO/AGAINST _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said election shall be a general election with the Rio Blanco County Clerk administering the mail ballot election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Rio Blanco County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate action with respect to the submission of the above ballot question to the electors and the holding of the general election on November 4, 2014.

DULY MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED ON A VOTE OF 3 FOR AND 0 AGAINST THIS 28th DAY OF July, 2014.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**

Jon D Hill
Jon D. Hill, Chairman

Jeffrey D. Eskelson, Commissioner

Shawn J. Bolton, Commissioner



ATTEST:

Nancy R. Amick
Nancy R. Amick, Clerk to the Board

Boots M Campbell, Deputy