

## **SPECIAL LEGISLATURE MEETING**

July 31, 2015

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Chairman Callard called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. After the pledge to the flag, the Clerk called the roll. All Legislators were present, with the exception of Legislators Allport, DeRoller and Eick.

The following resolution was presented for adoption:

Legislator Johnson moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the NORA Rural Broadband Initiative. She explained that this is signing a Memorandum of Understanding that we are going to work with Seneca Telecommunications for them to own, design, install, operate, and maintain a rural broadband network for both Niagara and Orleans Counties. She expressed that this has been a long time in fruition. They have risen to the occasion to own it and came in across both counties with a competitive rate. Legislator Miller seconded the motion. Chairman Callard stated we are in our sixth year with it being initiated - starting at a town level nearly six years ago. We are finally closing in on an initiative that we hope will do very well and will be on its way next year. Chairman Callard explained that broadband monies are becoming available through the State. NORA and Legislator Johnson's activity toward this initiative has helped make this near fruition. It may take a year or two for completion if we are able to push ahead but we are closer now than we have ever been before expressed Chairman Callard. Legislator Johnson stated that we are waiting for the New York State Broadband Office to clarify on the application process to apply for the funding. Legislator Johnson stated that this would never have happened if it wasn't for Chairman Ross (Niagara County) and Chairman Callard in pushing this joint effort forward. The following resolution was adopted:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 270-715**

**APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ORLEANS COUNTY, NIAGARA COUNTY, SENECA TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC AND RESOLUTE PARTNERS LLC FOR THE NORA RURAL BROADBAND INITIATIVE**

RESOLVED, that this Legislature approves a Memorandum of Understanding between Orleans County, Niagara County, Seneca Telecommunications LLC, d/b/a Seneca Solutions, Salamanca, New York and Resolute Partners, LLC, Southington, Connecticut as a NORA Broadband Initiative to work together to obtain funding for, design, install and operate and maintain a Rural Broadband network for both Niagara and Orleans Counties with the term of this Memorandum to be effective for 180 days of signed agreement by all parties and all parties may extend the relationship upon mutual consent as more particularly provided in the MOU.

Moved, Johnson; second, Miller.

Adopted. 4 ayes; 0 nays; 3 absent: Allport, DeRoller and Eick.

With there being no further business at 9:08 a.m., Legislator DeFilipps moved to adjourn; second by Legislator Miller.