

REGULAR SESSION

DECEMBER 2nd, 2019

The Bradley County Commission meets in REGULAR SESSION on December 2nd, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. EST at the Bradley County Courthouse in Cleveland, Tennessee. Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk and Crystal Freiberg, County Attorney are present. County Mayor D. Gary Davis is absent. On roll call the following Commissioners are present: DENNIS EPPERSON, LOUIE ALFORD, THOMAS L. CRYE, MILAN M. BLAKE, JOHNNY MULL, CHARLOTTE PEAK, HOWARD LEWIS THOMPSON, BOBBY GOINS, CINDY SLATER, TIM MASON, ERICA DAVIS KEVIN RAPER and BILL WINTERS. Commissioner MIKE HUGHES is absent. TOTAL PRESENT: 13; ABSENT: 1. There is a quorum present and Chairman Johnny Mull calls the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Commissioner Kevin Raper leads in the invocation.

Commissioner Bobby Goins moves that the Minutes of the November 18th, 2019, REGULAR SESSION be approved; Commissioner Dennis Epperson seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Slater, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; ABSENT: 1. The motion passes.

Commissioner Thomas Crye moves that the Consent Agenda be adopted; Commissioner Louie Alford seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Slater, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; ABSENT: 1. The motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner Erica Davis moves to approve sending the Letter of Support [In Re: proposed research project "Bridging the Digital Divide In Tennessee Expanding A Library Mobile Hotspot Lending Program"]; Commissioner Thomas Crye seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Slater, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; ABSENT: 1. The motion passes.

LETTER RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

12/02/2019

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Commissioner Milan Blake puts in the form of a motion [Resolution 2019-45] Resolution Authorizing The Bradley County Misdemeanor Probation Office To Provide Misdemeanor Probation Services For Polk County, Tennessee, And Authorizing The Mayor To Negotiate And Execute A Memorandum Of Understanding With Polk County, Tennessee, For The Provision Of Said Services; Commissioner Bill Winters seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Slater, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; ABSENT: 1. The motion passes

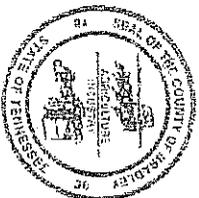
RESOLUTION 2019-45 RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

There is no further business to come before the Commission and on a motion by Commissioner Bobby Goins, the Commission adjourns at 7:36 P.M. EST.

Johnny Mull, Chairman
Bradley County Commission

Donna A. Simpson
Bradley County Clerk

12/02/2019



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
CONSENT AGENDA

December 2, 2019, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

REQUESTS TO DISPOSE OF ASSETS

1. Sheriff request to dispose of 2013 Chevrolet Impala asset #15002 (see page 4)

NOTARY PUBLICS

2. Notary publics – Clerk will bring to the meeting

CHANGE OF VEHICLE STATUS FORM

This form is to be completed when a vehicle is transferred or disposed of in accordance with Bradley County general fixed assets policies and procedures. After you have reached your assigned divisional vehicle allotment, each vehicle received by transfer or surplus without release of another vehicle in exchange constitutes a fleet increase for your division.

PLEASE CIRCLE: DISPOSAL OR TRANSFER

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office CONTACT PERSON: Cassandra Stone
DATE: 10/18/2019 PHONE NUMBER: (423) 798-7335
VEHICLE ACQUIRED: VIN NUMBER: 2G1WD5E20D1258116 ASSET #: 150DD2
TAG NUMBER: 30D7GCT4 YEAR: 2013 PRICE: \$19,240.00
MAKE: Chevrolet MODEL: Impala
DATE ACQUIRED: 7/9/2013 ACCOUNT/LINE: 171-91130-718

If vehicle is acquired from another department, list the department: _____
Enhancements to vehicle: Emergency Equipment Added, Emergency Equipment will be removed and re-used.

DISPOSED VEHICLE: VIN NUMBER: 2G1WD5E20D1258116 ASSET #: 150DD2
MILEAGE: 101,500 DISPOSAL DATE: 4/29/2019

If vehicle is transferred to another department, list the department: _____
If vehicle is disposed of as wrecked/scraped, please specifically explain method of disposal and include photographs: Vehicle was wrecked on 4/29/2019.

Condition of vehicle: Insurance declared this vehicle as a total loss. We would like to keep vehicle as a scrap vehicle for parts. Insurance will need title to make sure it is shown as totaled.

Approved by: Cassandra Stone Date: 10/18/2019
Department head/Elected official

Disposition of Property Described Above
Sale Price: \$1,050.00 from Insurance Date: 10/18/2019
Prepared by: Cassandra Stone

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO: FINANCE OFFICE/PURCHASING

Must submit form to Finance Office/Purchasing one week prior to voting session.

Completed form must accompany budget amendment request.

BRADLEY COUNTY CLERK
DONNA A. SIMPSON COUNTY CLERK

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CLEVELAND TN 37364

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Notaries to be elected December 02, 2019

CAROLINE BUCKNER
JENNIFER KING DEAS
CONNIE LAMB
SHONIE E MANTTOOTH

LETHA D MCCURRY
APRIL RYMER
TABITHA WARD

PERSONAL SURETY



OFFICE OF THE BRADLEY COUNTY
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

December 2, 2019

Letter of Support

To whom it may concern,

The Bradley County Commission would be happy to collaborate with Dr. Sreedhart Upendram, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics with University of Tennessee, on his proposed research project: "Bridging the Digital Divide in Tennessee: Expanding a Library Mobile Hotspot Lending Program".

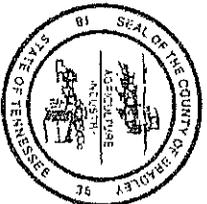
Dr. Upendram is seeking funds to support mobile hotspots in school libraries at 11 Elementary Schools in Bradley County. In particular, this project will provide mobile hotspots to households in Bradley County to enable students to access internet for school work. The County Commission extends its support on this project that benefits students and residents in Bradley County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny Mull", is written over a horizontal line.

Johnny Mull

P. O. Box 1167, Cleveland, TN 37364-1167, 423-728-7105



RESOLUTION 2019-45
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BRADLEY COUNTY MISDEMEANOR
PROBATION OFFICE TO PROVIDE MISDEMEANOR PROBATION SERVICES FOR
POLK COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE
AND EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH POLK COUNTY,
TENNESSEE FOR THE PROVISION OF SAID SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 40-35-302 regarding misdemeanor sentencing, the court of any county may order an eligible defendant placed on probation to be supervised by any public or private agency, program or association that has been established for the purpose of supervising defendants convicted of misdemeanors.

WHEREAS, the Bradley County Misdemeanor Probation Office provides supervision to misdemeanor probationers sentenced in Bradley County Courts until such time as the probationer's judgment is fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, Polk County has requested that Bradley County Misdemeanor Probation Office provide supervision to misdemeanor probationers sentenced in Polk County Courts as Polk County does not currently have any other public or private agency established for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Bradley County and Polk County are both local government entities of the State of Tennessee and, as such, are authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 12-9-104;

WHEREAS, Bradley County Misdemeanor Probation Office has been providing these services to Polk County pursuant to interlocal agreement since 2015.

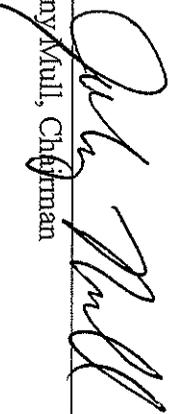
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bradley County Legislative Body meeting in regular session at Cleveland, Tennessee, on this 2nd day of December, 2019, that the Bradley County Misdemeanor Probation Office is hereby authorized to provide misdemeanor probation services for Polk County, Tennessee through June 30, 2023 upon execution of an interlocal agreement.

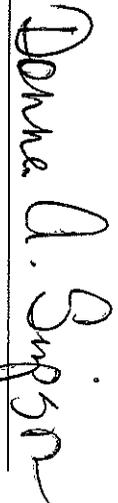
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bradley County Mayor is authorized to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement for the provision of misdemeanor probation services to Polk County.

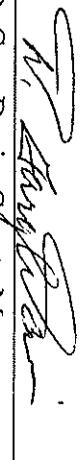
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bradley County shall receive funds under the interlocal agreement from Polk County in the amount of thirty nine thousand three hundred thirty

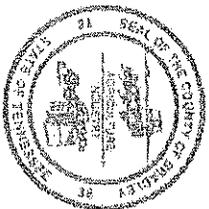
eight dollars (\$39,338.00) for the contract year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, forty thousand seven hundred thirty eight dollars (\$40,738.00) for the contract year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, forty two thousand one hundred thirty eight dollars (\$42,138.00) for the contract year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and forty three thousand five hundred thirty eight dollars (\$43,538.00) for the contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for the provision of said services.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2019.


Johnny Mull, Chairman


Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk


D. Gary Davis, County Mayor



Broadband Initiative Ad Hoc Committee

Erica Davis, Chairperson

MINUTES

November 19, 2019, at noon

County Commission Conference Room

Members present: Thomas Crye, Chairperson Erica Davis, Lindsay Hathcock, Alan Hood, Jeremy Jarvis, Tom Matthews, David Murphy, Nick Pavlis, Scott Webb

Others present: Milan Blake, Gerald Crawford, Autumn Hughes, Adam Lewis, Becky Levings, Lorri Moultrie, Johnny Mull, Sreedhar Upendram

Chairperson Erica Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members and visitors.

Chairperson Davis explained the Bradley County Commission established this committee by motion on September 16, 2019, to educate the public on advancements, to alert the public of new information and opportunities, to include public officials in the discussion, to identify real time action steps to advance our objectives, and to lobby our state officials.

Nick Pavlis, State Director of Government Affairs for Charter Communications, reported company efforts to advance service to offer gig service residentially. Pavlis noted the minimum residential speed is 200 megabits, but expects it to increase up to 300 megabits next year. Pavlis announced Charter plans to offer by the end of 2020 a fixed wireless solution to areas without hardwire access. Pavlis added Charter will identify the areas of greatest need in Bradley County that can accommodate the service based on topography and other requirements. Pavlis confirmed Charter operates under the State of Tennessee Cable Act and stated there is no exclusivity in Bradley County. Jeremy Jarvis, owner of Coptek I.T. Solutions, explained the fixed wireless solution is made possible by a mesh system bouncing from tower to tower by sight of line. Jarvis added the gig is sent out to a location and the mesh system offers 100 megabits to anyone within the mesh system.

Lindsay Hathcock said the Mayor's Office stands ready to assist in advancing internet access throughout Bradley County.

David Murphy, Volunteer Electric Cooperative (VEC) Marketing and Economic Development Vice President, reported VEC is building the fiber network and partnering with Twin Lakes to use the network to provide service to customers. Murphy explained Twin Lakes compensates VEC per customer, approximately 616 in northeast Bradley County, for use of the network. Murphy stated VEC hopes to expand in Bradley County, but underscored VEC has no interest in competing with Charter or AT&T for hard wired service. Murphy added VEC plans only include areas without any service access or less than 25megabits. Murphy reported VEC received a federal grant to fund infrastructure in Birchwood and a portion of 58 Highway. Murphy reported the project began in September. Murphy reported VEC also received a grant to build infrastructure in the Spring Creek area of McMinn County that will provide service to 867 homes. Murphy confirmed the project began in October. Murphy explained the state grant scoring program considers service areas, broadband ready community designation, and financial commitment demonstrating a partnership. Murphy confirmed the deadline for grants is the fall each year. Murphy encouraged county residents to register online at www.vec-twinlakes.com as the information collected directs the placement of new

infrastructure. Murphy shared FCC maps indicating areas served and the strength of their service. MAP RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT. Murphy added VEC has contested the accuracy of the FCC maps on behalf of grant applications. Murphy explained the FCC looks at census blocks and determines the block served if one house is served. In order to successfully contest, you must provide a data set to illustrate the area is not served (e.g. Meigs County survey).

Aaron Hood offered the cost of infrastructure: CO frame in substation \$50,000, feeder fiber \$15,000 per mile, and from splitter cabinets and to homes \$20,000 per mile.

Sreedhar Upendram, Assistant Professor University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, announced the ARC grant workshop in Johnson City will be January 28, 2020, and offered to provide workshop information to the committee.

Scott Webb, Bradley County Schools Instructional Technology Coordinator, reported the schools had 1 gig three years ago with access at Walker Valley High School and Central Office that distributed the network. Their partner, ENA, which builds out and ties to the metro Nashville system, have allowed the schools to increase band width and access with the ability to move that out as the pricing comes down over the next several years. Webb reported the schools face two challenges: students having access to devices and students without access to reliable internet as a result of the location of their home or service affordability. Webb reported the school system recently completed a survey with University of Tennessee Knoxville on access to service for our elementary students. Webb announced results will soon be forthcoming. Pavis noted Charter offers the Spectrum Internet assist program for families with students on free or reduced lunch.

Tom Matthews introduced himself as the leader of Southeast Tennessee Citizens for Fiber Internet. Matthews explained the grass roots organization, formed in 2013, began with efforts to get EPB in Bradley County. Matthews reported the organization has urged state lawmakers to reverse the law that prohibits municipal electric utilities from providing internet outside their electric service area. Matthews reported 136 people, mostly citizens of Bradley County, are involved in their activities and receive their communications. Matthews said the group focuses on encouraging law makers to allow municipal electric utilities to provide broadband outside their service areas, encouraging citizens to express interest in VEC broadband service, and providing information on broadband alternatives.

Aaron Hood explained his position as VEC Cleveland Area Manager involves preparing infrastructure for the build outs.

Jarvis explained his company works closely with VEC and Twin Lakes to provide back end support to their internet customers. Jarvis urged residents to log onto the www.vec-twinlakes.com to voice their interest in service. Jarvis suggested talking with Cleveland Utilities to bring the gig service into the City of Cleveland.

Chairperson Davis announced the date of the next meeting will be forthcoming to discuss the school surveys, receive an update on fixed wireless solution, and discuss the county partnering with VEC to apply for grants.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bradley County FCC Broadband Maps

- Less Than 10/1 Mbps available
- Less Than 25/3 Mbps available

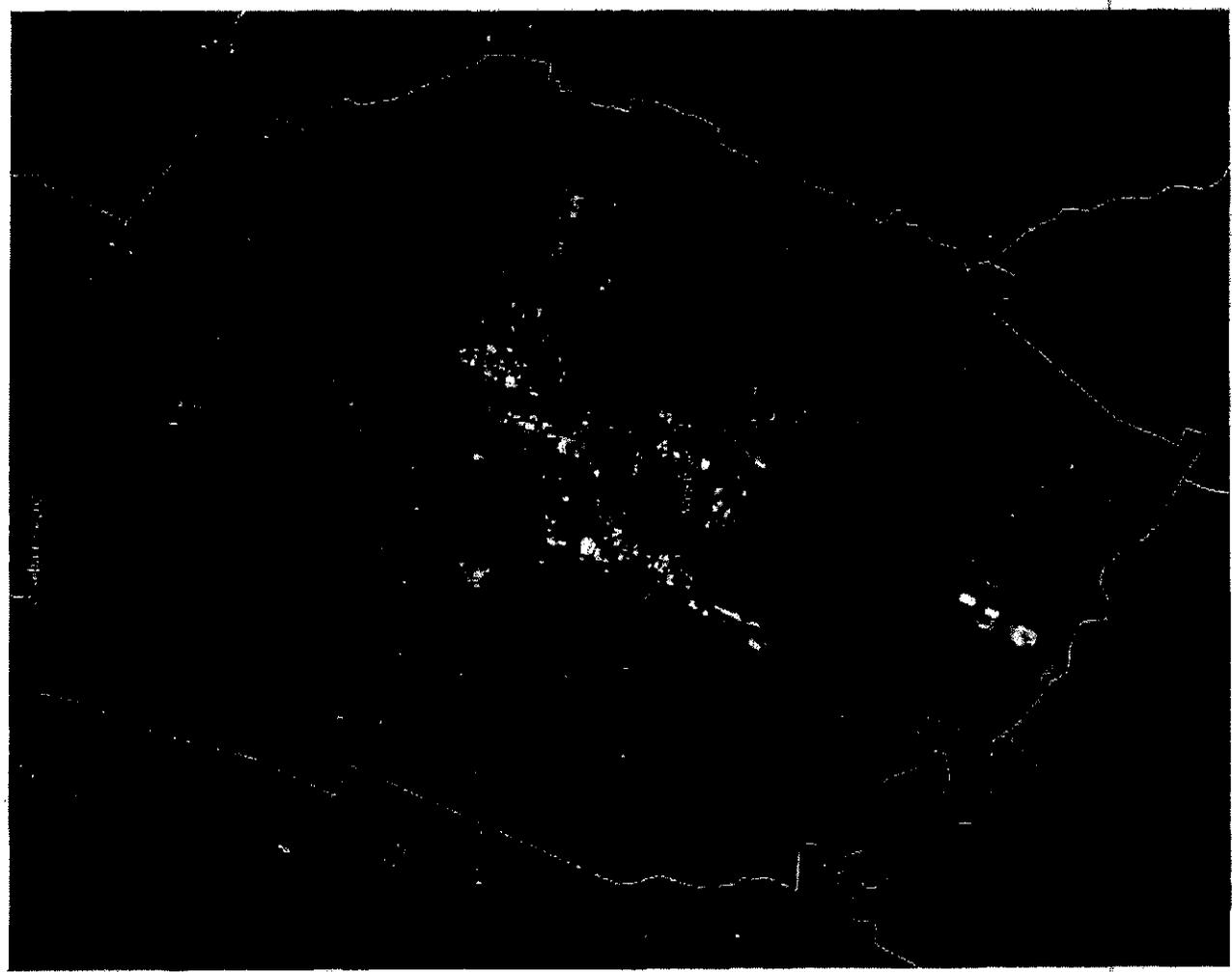
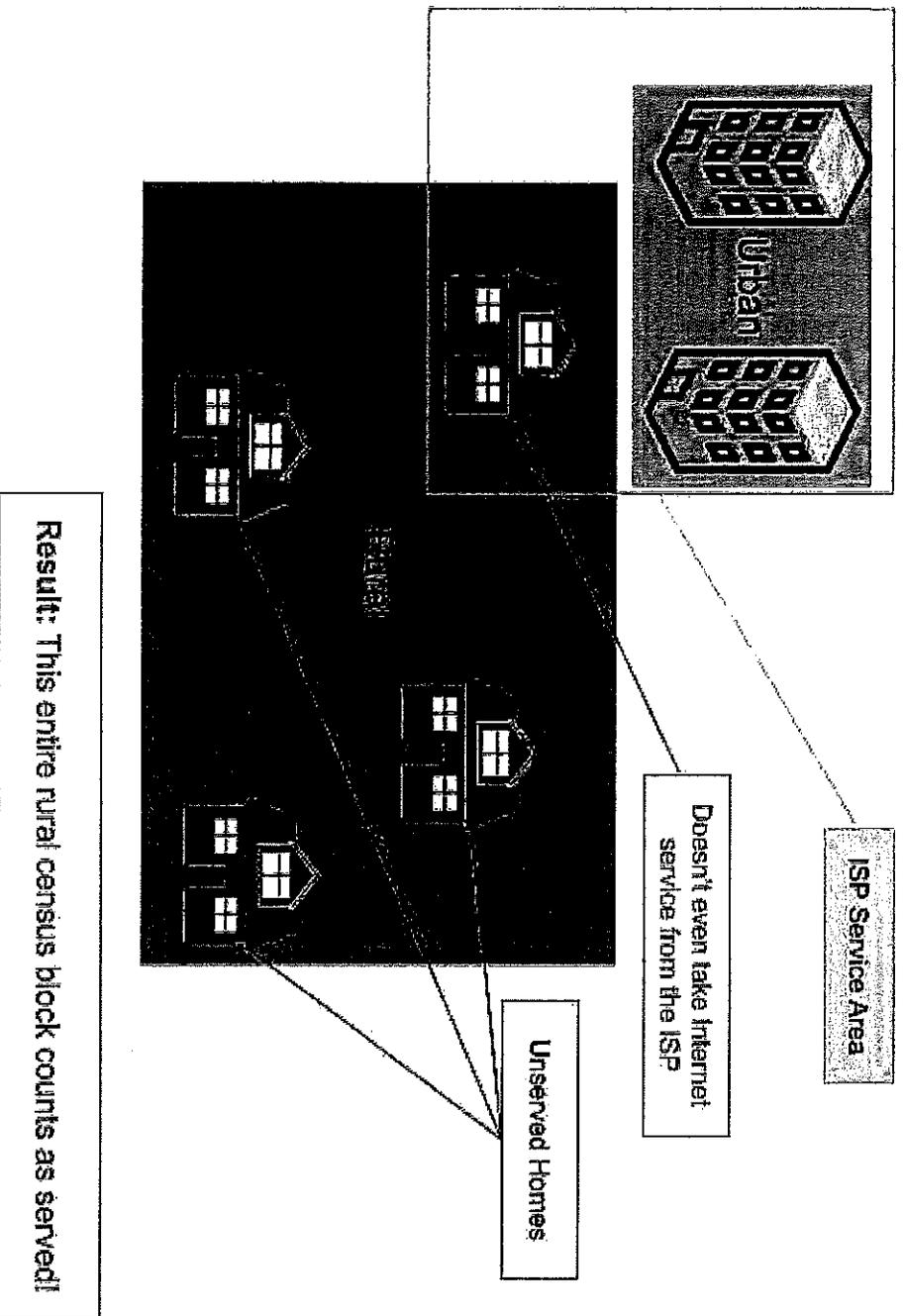


Diagram of FCC Broadband Data Overstatement



Designed by H. Tronits, Research Associate,
Institute for Local Self-Reliance, March 2018.