



MEMORANDUM

DT: 06/23/21

TO: **Kris Knochelmann**
County Judge/Executive

Dr. Jon Draud
County Commissioner

Joe Nienaber
County Commissioner

Beth Sewell
County Commissioner

FR: _____
Joe Shriver
County Administrator

RE: Broadband Expansion Project Bids

After having thoroughly analyzed the bids and gave the two bidders (Spectrum and Cincinnati Bell) an opportunity to present to the bid review committee (Joe Shriver, County Administrator; John Stanton, External Affairs; Lisa Desmarais, former County IT Director and Dave Schroeder, Executive Director of the Kenton Library District), the committee unanimously recommends Cincinnati Bell. Cincinnati Bell's full fiber solution was judged to be superior to the hybrid fiber/coaxial network that Spectrum proposed. Given the one-time nature of the ARP funding for this project and the growth capacity disparity, the committee feels the highest and best use of these funds would be with Cincinnati Bell. The committee recommends that the Fiscal Court accept the bid from Cincinnati Bell and authorize the Judge/Executive to negotiate a contract for the Broadband expansion in Kenton County.