

Feb 2023 County Notes

As was noted in last months Notes, ITC did make presentation to the Ways & Means committee regarding a major N to S electrical transmission line. The connection is from a substation NE of Carson City to a substation SW of Grand Ledge and then interconnects with a much larger electrical grid covering the upper Midwest. The planned E x W range of the transmission line is in the W 1/3 of Clinton County and E 1/4 of Ionia County. The proposed line will be over a 200 foot right of way which can still be farmed underneath. The structures will be 100 to 130 feet high and 700 to 1000 feet apart.

The board approved replacement of the 22 year old fire suppression system for the server room and building humidifier system both in the Courthouse.

The County Board approved the Clinton Transit budget for the coming fiscal year. The ridership is well above the pre-covid level. Statewide the average is at 85% of the pre-covid ridership. Work continues to develop methods for providing service to the Lansing Area for medical visits and work transportation. For transportation information call 989-224-8127.

After Plante Moran analyzed five interested vendors for both technical and financial capability the Board approved Frontier as the vendor for the Broadband Infrastructure Development Project to provide fiber-to-the-home broadband internet infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas in Clinton County. This is subject to grant approval by the State of Michigan.

Some American Rescue Plan Act funding was approved for assistance to restaurants that were severely impacted by the pandemic and can demonstrate future viability. This will be administered by LEAP.

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