

RESOLUTION NO.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION: A) APPROVING A \$2,879,010 ALLOCATION OF CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE “PUBLIC INTERNET CONNECTIVITY PILOT PROJECT” TO IMPROVE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS, AND B) WAIVING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING 1) THE COUNTY MANAGER, OR THE COUNTY MANAGER’S DESIGNEE, TO PREPARE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH SMARTWAVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PROVISION OF DESIGN, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES THAT WILL EXPAND THE CURRENT SMC PUBLIC WI-FI NETWORK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,916,585, AND FOR THE PROVISION OF MOBILE WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,620, WITH BOTH AGREEMENTS HAVING A TERM OF AUGUST 4, 2020, TO AUGUST 4, 2021, AND 2) RATIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT WITH KAIZEN TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS FOR CONSULTANCY AND DATA SERVICES FOR THE TERM OF MAY 29, 2020 TO MAY 28, 2021 IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$495,000

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, the County’s Health Officer issued a “Declaration of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019” and the County Manager, as the County’s Director of Emergency Services (the “Director”), issued a proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630 and Chapter 2.46 of the County’s Ordinance Code, which proclamation was ratified by this Board on March 10, 2020, pursuant to Government Code section 8630 (the “COVID-19 Local Emergency”), and extended by this Board on April 7, 2020, until the County takes action to terminate the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, beginning in March 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, as well as local and state shelter-in-place orders, San Mateo County school districts resorted to distance learning conducted virtually over video conferencing platforms; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of students engaged in distance learning revealed significant internet connectivity challenges for school districts, especially those serving students in vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, during the 2020-2021 school year, it is anticipated that San Mateo County school districts will continue to implement distance learning until the risk of COVID-19 has been abated; and

WHEREAS, the effective implementation of distance learning requires access to reliable and fast internet service, which not all San Mateo County students currently have; and

WHEREAS, to enable students to effectively engage in distance learning, the County is launching a pilot project in partnership with the San Mateo County Office of Education, La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District, Ravenswood City School District, Redwood City School District, and Sequoia Union High School District, as well as community business partners to be identified, in order to improve high-speed internet access to provide public internet access for disadvantaged students living within those School Districts (the "Public Internet Connectivity Pilot Project" or the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Project, the Board has been requested to waive the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the Agreements with Smartwave Technologies and Kaizen Technology Partners and it is in the best interests of the County to waive the RFP process due to the urgent need to launch the Project and provide students with reliable internet access prior to the beginning of the 2020-21 school year in mid-August; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board of Supervisors for its consideration and approval a request to authorize the County Manager, or his designee, to prepare and execute two agreements with Smartwave Technologies, each in a form to be

negotiated but consistent with the [scope of work attached] to the Board Memorandum accompanying this Resolution, for the provision of design, installation, and maintenance services that will expand the current SMC Public Wi-Fi network in an amount not to exceed \$1,916,585, and for the provision of mobile wireless access points in an amount not to exceed \$250,620, with both agreements having a term of August 4, 2020, to August 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board of Supervisors, for its consideration and ratification, an Agreement and Amendment with Kaizen Technology Partners for project management, data analysis, and data modeling services for the term of May 29, 2020 to May 28, 2021 in an amount not-to-exceed \$495,000; and

WHEREAS, additional agreements that are required to successfully implement the Project are within the contracting authority of the Chief Information Officer, or his designee, and are in the process of being finalized but will not need to be brought back to this Board for approval; and

WHEREAS, these additional agreements are for: 1) data collection/analysis services and outreach communication services for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000, 2) the provision of mobile “hotspots” for an estimated not-to-exceed amount of \$78,000, and 3) the provision of in-home internet access for an estimated not-to-exceed amount of \$38,805;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED THAT the County Manager, or the County Manager’s designee, is hereby authorized to prepare and execute agreements with Smartwave Technologies for the provision of design, installation, and maintenance services that will expand the current SMC Public Wi-Fi network in an amount not to exceed \$1,916,585, and for the provision of mobile wireless access points in an amount not to exceed \$250,620, with both agreements having a term of August 4,

2020, to August 4, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby ratifies the Agreement and Amendment with Kaizen Technology Partners for project management, data analysis, and data modeling services for the term of May 29, 2020 to May 28, 2021, in an amount not-to-exceed \$495,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Request for Proposals process is hereby waived in connection with the procurement of the services and the agreements referenced above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Manager, or the County Manager's designee, is hereby authorized to execute amendments to the agreements referenced above which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate) for each agreement, and/or modify the agreement term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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