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Wyse Appointed by Governor

GALION - Governor Ted Strickland has named LaMar Wyse to serve on the Ohio Broadband Council. The Council's task is to find ways to connect all of Ohio to a broadband infrastructure.

Recognizing the need to develop a plan for statewide broadband services, the Council will target extending access to all 88 counties. Considered vital to the need for economic growth, high-speed data transmissions, known as broadband networks, are critical to advanced technology and communication.

The Ohio Broadband Council will bring together private and public businesses to remove barriers to broadband access. In addition to cost-savings and economic opportunities, the Council's charter states its effort to "ensure all Ohio's citizens, businesses, governments, educational institutions, non-profits and healthcare facilities have viable access to affordable broadband services." The Broadband Council members serve at the pleasure of the governor and receive no compensation.

LaMar Wyse, of Galion, has served as the President and CEO of Galion Community Hospital since October of 2004. He is currently the Board Chair of the Galion Area Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership and President of the Galion Area Betterment Commission.

“The economic health of Crawford County continues to be high on my priority list,” said Wyse. “Although the primary hat I wear on the council is to represent the healthcare industry, it is a great opportunity to help Galion and Crawford County as well. The fiber ring around the city represents untapped potential. Access to affordable broadband is a current critical issue for several businesses to retain and grow jobs locally. We are well-positioned for some assistance.”

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