

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

August 29, 2019

Broadband Working Group

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Rinard at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Administration and Rules Committee Members

Members present: Amy Rinard, Matthew Foelker, Jeff Johns, Richard Jones and Russ Kutz.

Excused: Jim Mode

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator and J. Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel.

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Communications

None

5. Public Comment

None

6. Approval of the April 25, 2019 working group minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Foelker/Jones to approve the April 25, 2019 working group meeting minutes as presented.
Motion passed 4-0.

7. Approval of the Agenda

No changes made.

8. Discussion and overview of future phased broadband projects

Wehmeier said that they are finalizing contract language with Netwurx. 70% of the equipment has been received. The goal is to have the two-pilot project up and running by the end of the year. Focusing on the upcoming grant cycle. There is \$40M in state budget for broadband projects. We are working with Netwurx and Bertram Wireless. 70-75% of the county should have broadband coverage in this phase. Dodge County is looking at working with these same two companies. They may look at a uniform grant for both counties through THRIVE. The tentative budget is over \$5M between the two counties. This would be split between the two companies, the state and the local counties. Staff may look at a bond to fund the broadband, communications and other facility projects. Wehmeier will do a letter of intent with the Netwurx and Bertram for the work going forward. No action taken.

Motion by Jones/Johns to act on a letter of intent with Netwurx and Bertram for work going forward.
Motion passed 4-0.

9. Discussion and possible action to apply for a 2020 Public Service Commission Broadband Grant

This was covered with Item #8. No action taken.

10. Update on county's Broadband efforts to date

This was covered with Item #8. No action taken

Agenda Items:

- Resolution - Telecommunications

11. Adjourn

Motion by Foelker/Jones to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. Motion approved 4-0.