

**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, Russ Kutz and Jim Mode

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Supervisor Michael Kelly; Jeff Ozaki, Humane Society of Jefferson County and Kurt Backlund, Town of Jefferson.

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Communications

None

• Public Comment

- Ozaki, Director of the Humane Society Jefferson County talked about internet connectivity issues hindering the business. He is in support of the grant application.
- Backlund, Town of Jefferson, discussed his difficulty accessing internet. He supports this project and is willing to help with this project in any way he can.
- Kelly talked about the need for reliable internet service for his business.

• Approval of the August 29, 2019 working group minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Jones/Johns to approve the August 25, 2019 working group meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 4-0. (Mode Abstained)

• Approval of the Agenda

No changes made.

• Discussion and status on FY200 PSC Broadband Grant Application and project

Wehmeier is working with Netwurx and Bertram on finalizing the grant application. THRIVE will be a part of the grants for both Dodge and Jefferson County. A Broadband webpage will be set up with information on the project. No action taken.

• Discussion and possible action on PSC Telecommuter Designation

A draft of this resolution was provided for review. Wehmeier discussed the resolution. The committee will review the resolution and it will be discussed at a future meeting. This resolution will go to the County Board for their consideration at the November meeting. No action taken.

• Discussion and possible action on a Resolution for Jefferson County to Support the PSC Grant Application

A draft of the resolution was provided for review. Wehmeier discussed the resolution. This resolution will be part of the grant application. The committee will review this resolution and it will be discussed at a future meeting. This resolution will go to the County Board for their consideration at the November meeting. No action taken.

11. Agenda Items:

- Discussion and possible action on PSC Telecommuter Designation
- Discussion and possible action on a Resolution for Jefferson County to Support the PSC Grant Application

12. Adjourn

Motion by Jones/Kutz to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Motion approved 5-0.