

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**July 22, 2020**

Broadband Working Group

1. **Call to Order**  
Meeting was called to order by Wehmeier at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Roll Call**  
**Broadband Working Group Members**  
Members present: Curtis Backlund, Joan Fitzgerald, Matthew Foelker, Jeff Johns, Richard Jones and Amy Rinard  
  
Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator  
  
Others Present via ZOOM: Frankie Fuller and Supervisor Anita Martin
3. **Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements**  
Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. **Election of Committee Chairs**  
  
Motion by Foelker/Jones to nominate Amy Rinard as Chair. Motion passed 6-0  
  
Motion by Fitzgerald/Jones to nominate Curt Backlund as Vice Chair. Motion passed 6-0  
  
Motion by Jones/Fitzgerald to nominate Jeff Johns as Secretary Motion passed 6-0
5. **Communications**  
None
6. **Public Comment**  
None
7. **Approval of the December 5, 2019 working group minutes**  
Draft minutes were provided for review.  
  
Motion by Foelker/Johns to approve the December 5, 2019 working group meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
8. **Approval of the agenda**  
Motion by Backlund/Foelker approve agenda as written. Motion passed 6-0.
9. **Discussion on 2020 grant application**  
Wehmeier said that we did not receive the grant that we applied for. Wehmeier discussed the feedback that was received regarding our grant application. We will continue to look for support and partnership opportunities. Backlund suggested asking for support and impact statements from libraries and schools during the concern for remote learning during COVID-19. Rinard said that they may be able to attract other providers. No action taken.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Communication Project and Broadband Coordination (public/private partnership)**  
Wehmeier talked about the communication project towers that need to be put up. We may be able to partner with Bertram and share the space and expense.  
  
Backlund/Johns to give the Administrator authority to negotiate with possible partners. Motion passed 6-0.
11. **Discussion and Possible Action 2021 PSC Grant Application**  
A plan and timeline will be brought back for review. The grant opens in September with a December deadline. No action taken.

12. **Agenda Items**

- Discussion and Possible Action 2021 PSC Grant Application
- Discussion and Possible Action on Communication Project and Broadband Coordination (public/private partnership)

13. **Adjourn**

Motion by Jones/Backlund to adjourn at 9:41 a.m. Motion approved 6-0.