

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

July 27, 2023

Broadband Working Group

1. **Call to Order**
Meeting was called to order by Fitzgerald at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Broadband Working Group Members present: Curtis Backlund, Joan Fitzgerald, Matthew Foelker, Jeff Johns, Richard Jones, Robert Preuss, Amy Rinard

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator, Michael Luckey, Assistant to the County Administrator; Supervisor Anita Martin

Others Present via ZOOM: Gene Dalhoff, MadRep; Tom Lieberherr, Gary Henshue, Ken Baehler, Brian Madl, Edge Broadband; Udovich, Highway; Jason Hafenstein.
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 June 6, 2023 Broadband Working Group minutes**
Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Backlund /Fitzgerald to approve the June 6, 2023 Broadband Working Group minutes as printed. Motion passed 6-0. (Jones abstained)
7. **Approval of the agenda**
Item 10 was moved up to accommodate presenters.
8. **Discuss vision, goals, priorities and planning**
Baehler shared documents related to the Bead Budget including plans for submitting the grants.

The workgroup members support Wehmeier working with Baehler to continue planning. No action taken.
9. **Discussion and possible action related to planning activities under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Planning Grants**
Luckey gave an update on his work on the project. Data collection flyers were sent to school districts, newspapers, presented at the town meeting, and sent to town chairs and clerks. Working on updating the webpage. Dalhoff gave an update on the BEAD Grant. The information from Jefferson County has been submitted to the PSC. Grants may be awarded in 2024.

Motion by Backlund/Foelker to continue to work with Baehler on planning for the grant. Motion passed 7-0.
10. **Update on Broadband Projects**
Lieberherr and Madl gave updates on Bug Tussell and Edge Broadband projects. No action taken.
11. **Discussion of next steps**
The next Broadband Working Group meeting will be scheduled when needed. No action taken.
12. **Adjourn**
Motion by Foelker/Backlund to adjourn at 3:26 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.