

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Friday, January 10, 2025

Broadband Working Group

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Amy Rinard at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Broadband Working Group Members present: Richard Jones, Amy Rinard, Michael Wineke

Members present via ZOOM: Amanda Truax

Absent: Matthew Foelker

Others Present: Michael Luckey, Interim County Administrator; Tammie Jaeger, Administration; Sara Lawrenz and Jim Bertram, Bertram Communications; Kelly Shipley, brightspeed.

Others Present via ZOOM: Brian Udovich, Highway; Todd Kruse, Frontier Communications.

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law

4. Communications

Luckey talked about requests from AT&T and Bug Tussell.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Approval of October 31, 2024 Broadband Working Group minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Jones/Wineke to approve the October 31, 2024 Broadband Working Group minutes as printed. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Approval of the agenda

No changes.

8. Presentations from ISPs seeking BEAD endorsement

Bertram, Frontier and brightspeed gave their presentations. No action taken.

9. Discussion and possible action on BEAD endorsement

The committee discussed endorsements for ISPs for their BEAD application. An official county endorsement will provide seven points towards the 100-point application by each ISP for BEAD funding. The committee only considered endorsements for the three ISPs that had submitted a response to the Request for Information (RFI) issued on November 8, 2024. There was general consensus among committee members that future RFI responses received ahead of the BEAD deadline might be considered for an endorsement.

Motion by Jones/Wineke for Jefferson County to endorse Bertram Communications for BEAD funding for all Broadband Serviceable Locations within the geographic area of Jefferson County. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Jones/Wineke for Jefferson County to endorse Frontier for BEAD funding for all Broadband Serviceable Locations within the geographic area of Jefferson County. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Jones/Wineke for Jefferson County to endorse Brightspeed for BEAD funding for all Broadband Serviceable Locations within the geographic area of Jefferson County. Motion passed 4-0.

10. Update on Public Service Commission

No update given.

11. **Update on Internet Service Providers (ISP) build progress**
Udovich and Luckey showed build progress maps and gave updates. No action taken.
12. **Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items -**
 - Presentations from ISPs seeking BEAD endorsement. No action taken.
13. **Adjourn**
Motion by Jones/Wineke to adjourn at 12:02 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.