

# **AGENDA**

**Broadband Working Group  
Jefferson County Courthouse  
311 S. Center Avenue, Rm 112**

Thursday, October 24, 2019 8:30 a.m.

## **Committee Members**

Amy Rinard, chair; Jim Mode, vice-chair; Jeff Johns, secretary; Matthew Foelker; Richard Jones, Russ Kutz

1. Call to order
2. Roll call (establish a quorum)
3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Communications
5. **Public Comment** (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
6. Approval of Minutes from August 29, 2019
7. Approval of the agenda
8. Discussion and status on FY2020 PSC Broadband Grant Application and project
9. Discussion and possible action on PSC Telecommuter Designation
10. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution for Jefferson County to Support the PSC Grant Application
11. Discussion on engaging supporting documentation for grant
12. Adjourn

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at 920-674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

**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.