

AGENDA

Broadband Working Group

Videoconference OR

**Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Rm 202**

Friday, July 23, 2021

8:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Committee Members

Curtis Backlund, Joan Fitzgerald, Matthew Foelker, Jeff Johns, Richard Jones, Amy Rinard

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 July 6, 2021
7. Approval of the agenda
8. Discussion and possible action on memorandum of understanding with Bertram and Netwurx for grant application
9. Discussion and possible action on state American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant application
10. 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.

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

July 6, 2021

Broadband Working Group

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Rinard at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Broadband Working Group Members

Members present: Joan Fitzgerald, Matthew Foelker, Jeff Johns, Richard Jones and Amy Rinard

Members present via ZOOM: Curtis Backlund present at 10:44 a.m.

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator

Others Present via ZOOM: Marc DeVries

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 March 29, 2021 working group minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Foelker/Jones to approve the March 29, 2021 Broadband Working Group meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Approval of the agenda

No changes.

8. Update on broadband grant and project

Wehmeier summarized broadband project activity over the last few months. Bertram continues to add bandwidth and connection points. The towers are complete. There may be an option to run fiber underground. Wehmeier talked about the FCC Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF). This may be another opportunity to expand broadband. We will be looking at servicing portions of Waterloo, Ixonia, Lake Mills, Jefferson, Koshkonong and Palmyra. The Public Service Commission (PSC) is managing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and broadband grant funds. Wehmeier talked about the broadband grant process. The deadline for submitting the grant is July 27th. There is more information on the broadband grant available on the PSC website. This will be discussed at the Joint Executive and Finance Committee meeting. The group supports using ARPA funds for the broadband project. No action taken.

9. Discussion and possible action on tentative state American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

10. Agenda Items

11. Adjourn

Motion by Jones/Foelker to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Motion approved 6-0.