

AGENDA

**Broadband Working Group
Videoconference OR
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Rm 205
Jefferson, WI 53549**

Thursday, February 3, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEku2qqDgrGdOcbicIQacQWDvpOsCK8A8k>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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 November 5, 2021
7. Approval of the agenda
8. Discussion an update on potential broadband projects
9. Discussion and possible action for current Public Service Commission Grant Cycle
10. Discussion of next steps
11. 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**

November 5, 2021

Broadband Working Group

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Rinard at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Broadband Working Group Members

Members present: Curtis Backlund, Matthew Foelker, Jeff Johns, Richard Jones and Amy Rinard

Members present via ZOOM: Joan Fitzgerald

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator, Supervisor Steve Nass

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 July 23, 2021 working group minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Johns/Foelker to approve the July 23, 2021 Broadband Working Group meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Approval of the agenda

No changes.

8. Discussion and possible action on State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant

Wehmeier said that none of our projects were awarded the grant. No action taken.

9. Update on Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)

Wehmeier talked about a reverse auction Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF). Wehmeier met with Spectrum on issues, including a construction schedule. No action taken.

10. Discussion of Next Steps.

Wehmeier discussed several options to consider going forward. \$2M was allocated for matching funds for the grant. The group discussed options including partnering with our municipalities and possibly developing our own grant process. The idea of holding an education session on ARPA for our municipalities was discussed. Wehmeier will bring back grant structure ideas and timeline and reach out to our partners for project ideas. The broadband webpage will be updated to include broadband providers in our area. No action taken.

11. Agenda Items

12. Adjourn

Motion by Foelker/Backlund to adjourn at 11:19 a.m. Motion passed 5-0.