

AGENDA

Broadband Working Group

Videoconference OR

Highway Committee Room

1425 Wisconsin Drive

Jefferson, WI 53549

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Committee Members

Curtis Backlund, Joan Fitzgerald, Matthew Foelker, Jeff Johns, Richard Jones, Robert Preuss, 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, 2022 Broadband Working Group
7. Approval of the agenda
8. Discussion and Update on Jefferson County Public Safety Commission Grants and Conduit Debt Broadband Projects
9. Discussion and Update on Jefferson County Conduit Debt Data Center Project
10. Discussion and Possible Action Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Planning Grants
11. What is the BEAD Grant and purpose?
12. Requirement of BEAD Grant/ Collaboration with MadRep (Draft Agreement)
13. Potential Next Steps for BEAD Planning
14. Discussion of next steps
15. 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**

July 6, 2022

Broadband Working Group

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Wehmeier at 10:20 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Broadband Working Group Members present: Curtis Backlund, Joan Fitzgerald, Matthew Foelker, Jeff Johns, Richard Jones, Robert Preuss, Amy Rinard

Broadband Working Group Members present via ZOOM:

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator, Marc DeVries, Finance Director; Mitchell Olson, Bug Tussel Wireless LLC/Hilbert Communications; Supervisor Anita Martin

Others Present via ZOOM: Jason Hafenstein, Meg Turville-Heitz

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law

4. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Jones to nominate Backlund as Chair. Backlund respectfully declined.

Motion by Rinard/Backlund to nominate Fitzgerald as Chair. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Backlund/Jones to nominate Johns as Vice Chair. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Communications

None

6. Public Comment

Backlund - Town of Jefferson received a Letter from TDS to bring in Broadband and Cable services.

7. Approval of the February 5, 2022 Broadband Working Group minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Rinard/Jones to approve the February 5, 2022 Broadband Working Group minutes as printed. Motion passed 7-0.

8. Approval of the March 3, 2022 Joint Meeting of Broadband Working Group and Finance Committee

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Johns/Rinard to approve the March 3, 2022 joint Broadband Working Group and Finance Committee minutes as printed. Motion passed 7-0.

9. Approval of the agenda

No changes were made.

10. Discussion and update on Public Service Commission Grants

Wehmeier shared a list of applications. Both of our projects were ranked in the top 10. He reviewed the grant applications for Edge and Bug Tussell, LLC and maps of the proposed coverage area. Updated budget numbers was also discussed. No action taken.

11. Discussion and possible action on final Resolution – Approving Final Resolution Regarding Unconditional County Guaranty of its Pro Rata Share, Intergovernmental Agreement and Taxable Revenue Bond Financing for Bug Tussel 1, LLC

Wehmeier shared a draft resolution for the Bug Tussell project and related bond documents. The initial resolution was approved in May. The final resolution will go to the County Board in July.

Motion by Backlund/Foelker to approve the Resolution - Approving Final Resolution Regarding Unconditional County Guaranty of its Pro Rata Share, Intergovernmental Agreement and Taxable Revenue Bond Financing for Bug Tussel 1, LLC and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion passed 7-0.

12. Discussion of next steps

Wehmeier will work with Olson to work on final engineering and maximizing investments. The next meeting will likely be the end of August or September. An update on broadband will be given at the next Town meeting. No action taken.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Rinard/Jones to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Motion passed 7-0.