

AGENDA

Broadband Working Group

Videoconference OR

Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Ave, Room C1021
Jefferson, WI 53549

Thursday, July 18, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Committee Members

Matthew Foelker, Richard Jones, Amy Rinard, Amanda Truax, Michael Wineke

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 May 28, 2024 Broadband Working Group
7. Approval of the agenda
8. Discussion on Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Challenge Process
9. Update on Internet Service Providers (ISP) build progress
10. Discussion and possible action related to expansion of conduit debt for Public Service Commission Grant match and other potential project areas
11. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items
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**

May 28, 2024

Broadband Working Group

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ben Wehmeier at 1:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Members present via ZOOM: Amanda Truax

Members absent: Matthew Foelker

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Michael Luckey, Assistant to the County Administrator

Others Present via ZOOM: Jason Hafenstein, Gene Dahlhoff, MadRep; Brian Udovich, Highway Operations Manager

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law

4. Communications

None

5. Election of officers

Jones/Wineke nominated Rinard for Chair. Motion passed 4-0.

Jones/Rinard nominated Truax for Vice Chair. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Approval of the April 1, 2024 Broadband Working Group minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Jones/Wineke to approve the April 1, 2024 Broadband Working Group minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.

8. Approval of the agenda

#5 Election of Officers was moved to the end of the agenda and item #11 was moved up to accommodate committee members and staff.

9. Discussion on Broadband equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Challenge Process

Luckey said we are nearing the end of the BEAD challenge. Luckey reviewed the remainder of the timeline, including the final determination by the PSC which is expected between July 7 – August 6. The data showed 31,000 ineligible BEAD locations in Jefferson County. Luckey worked with maps to identify addresses that are considered fully served in Jefferson County. 11,000 survey postcards were sent out to confirm that those areas are indeed fully served. Luckey followed up with certain households to obtain documentation proving they are not fully served and submitted those as challenges. No action taken.

10. Update on Internet Service Providers (ISP) build progress

Luckey and Udovich gave an update on ISP build progress for Charter, TDS and Bug Tussel. No action taken.

11. **Discussion and possible action related to expansion of conduit debt for Public Service Commission Grant match and other potential project areas**

Wehmeier provided background information on conduit debt and project areas. The locations are located near Palmyra and Whitewater. Wehmeier shared a draft Resolution "Initial Resolution Approving Revenue Bond Financing for Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC" The Working Group needs to decide the amount of conduit debt. The minimum obligation for the grant is \$500,000. Wehmeier is looking for feedback on how to move forward. Wehmeier will talk to Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC, and let them know that once we know the rules, we may consider additional funds. The resolution will go to the Finance Committee and then to the County Board for consideration.

Motion by Jones/Wineke to authorize initial conduit debt not to exceed \$500,000 in conduit debt. Motion passed 4-0.

12. **Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items**

The Broadband Working Group will meet again as needed. No action taken.

13. **Adjourn**

Motion by Jones/Wineke to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

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