

AGENDA

Broadband Working Group
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 112
Jefferson, WI 53549

Thursday, April 11, 2019 10:30 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 March 28th, 2019
7. Approval of the agenda
8. Discussion and Possible Action on supporting Phase 1 project to establish a partnership with Netwurx Internet, LLC to provide Broadband infrastructure and services in underserved areas of Jefferson County
9. Discussion and overview of future phased projects
10. Discussion and Possible Action to apply for a 2019 Public Service Commission Broadband Grant
11. Update on potential partnership opportunities to expand Broadband service in Jefferson County
12. Discussion and Update on FCC Bandwidth Auction
13. Update on county's Broadband efforts to date
14. 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.

Broadband Committee Meeting Notes

March 28, 2019

Present: Ken Behler, Netwurx; Amy Rinard, Jeff Johns, Jim Mode, Russ Kutz, Vicki Pratt, and Jim Schroeder. Dodge County attendees: Jim Mielke and Nate Olson

Ben W called meeting to order at 10:30 am

Ben provided some background on how the Committee came to be: As an action item in the County's Strategic Plan, the Board created a Standing Committee. County has set aside dollars in 2019 budget to hire a consultant and for a project.

First order of business: Election of Officers

Amy Rinard nominated as Chair by Jim Mode; seconded by R. Kutz; motion approved

Jim Mode nominated as Vice Chair by R. Kutz; seconded by A. Rinard; motion approved

Jeff Johns nominated as Secretary by A. Rinard, seconded by J. Mode; motion approved.

Chair Rinard introduced Ken Behler from Netwurx to discuss grants available for Broadband expansion. Behler informed group of USDA and PSC Grants – pros and cons of both. Discussed recently won grant for T. of Watertown and the entire PSC application process. Provided key points on eligible applicants, eligible projects, the six main items all applications must cover, and the PSC's qualifying speeds for projects.

Consultant is scheduled to meet with County Administrator today as well to discuss possible projects to consider applying to PSC for, and the costs for each.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 4/11/19 at 10:30 am in room 112 at the Courthouse.

Motion to adjourn at 11:50 am made by J. Mode, seconded by J. Johns