

Broadband Special Committee

May 25, 2021

Present: Kevin McCoy, Ron Luethe, Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Ben Crenshaw, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen, Cedric Schnitzler, Paul Potter, Nidia Alcantar

Absent: Josh Lydon

Others: Wallace Habegger, Tina Osterberg, Adrian Lockington

Web Ex: Andria Farrand, Michelle Tryggestad, Chuck Zenner, Dennis Hinderliter, Russell Berg, Jaron McCallum

The meeting was called to order in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Kevin McCoy.

County Board Chairman Cedric Schnitzler welcomes the Broadband Special Committee. Introductions.

Presentation Chuck Zenner, Taylor County Broadband Committee Representative

- Russell Berg, Consultant brought on board and after the survey was completed. Comments on project.
- Andria Farrand- Taylor County Clerk, comments on overview of process

Open/Discussion

- Feasibility Study: Taylor County had this done by a third party company- Vantage Point- Comments as to why a study should be done and benefits that it has to move forward with the broadband project.
- ISP provider- can put fiber in poles and expand and American rescue plan monies can be used for broadband and expanded more and fiber optic to a tower they are going to look into that.
- Comments Broadband speed recommend FCC 25down 3 up and below that is underserved. Going to 100mg up and 100mg will be the standard soon.

Presentation Jaron McCallum from the PSC.

- Data – PSC WI broadband has to offer- Wisconsin broadband map available- shows map provided and how they aggregate that info- census block
- Funding and Grant Resources-
 - American Rescue Plan State Recovery Funds –
 - Broadband Grant- Applications will be available June 1st 2021 and due July 27th 2021

Committee Recommendations

- Contact Russel Berg with Nakomis to present as a possible consultant to Monroe County.
- Contact Paul & Richard Demming with Geo Partners to present as a possible study for Monroe County.

Next meeting will be Thursday June 17th 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Adjourned

Motion by Jen Schmitz second by Ron Luethe to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Carried.