

Broadband Special Committee Meeting

July 15, 2021

Monroe County Assembly Room

Present Committee Members: Kevin McCoy, Ron Luethe, Josh Lydon, Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen, Cedric Schnitzler, Nidia Alcantar

Others: Tina Osterberg, Adrian Lockington

WebEx Presenters':

- Blake Mayfield, WANRack
- Kristin Banasik, Bug Tussel
- Russell Berg, Nokomis Networking

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin McCoy at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Motion by Ron Luethe second by Nidia Alcantar to approve the June 17th, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Carried.

Consultant Proposal from Nokomis Networking- Tina Osterberg comments to topic as Corporation Council recommends following the RFP process for those Services. Suggestion to committee to recommend to EDT committee to go out for RFP-Comment that we could create the RFP and have presented at the August 12, 2021 meeting. With EDT approval, RFP could be released the same day.

Motion for by Cedric Schnitzler second by Jen Schmitz for the recommendation of the RFP process for the Monroe County Broadband Consultant. Carried.

Motion by Jen Schmitz second by Josh Lydon for the recommendation of the RFP process for the Monroe County Broadband Assessment Study. Carried.

Presentation (via WebEx) from WANRack, Blake Mayfield, Director of Business Development
WANRack completed Taylor County and worked with Russell Berg from Nokomis Networking. Will send RFP for Taylor County as the RFP was for the middle mile network. 90+ mile network to be completed by November 2022. Taylor County is rural so they picked 34 sites to implement to then get out to county.

Presentation (via WebEx) from Bug Tussell Wireless, Kristin Banasik, Local wireless representative.
Service is line of site service- tower upgrades in future for LTE but it is a 5 mile radius currently.
Quotes can be done- running promotion until end of August for faster plans. Licensed to sell AT&T services in the state also. They Support First Net.

Open Question/Comments

Chair Kevin McCoy addresses Russell Berg from Nokomis Networking and that Monroe County Broadband Special Committee will be recommending the RFP process to the EDT Committee on August 12, 2021.

Discussion of next step of committee

- Suggestion to send letter to advise the Committee Goals and Status
- Suggestions to meet with Townships
- Suggestions for obtaining Letter of support
- Implement Goals

Next meeting agenda- Review RFP's

Next Meeting date Thursday September 2nd 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Motion by Dennis Treu second Jim VanWychen to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Carried.

Recorded by: Adrian Lockington
Administrative Office Specialist