

Broadband Special Meeting December 6, 2021

Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Present: Jen Schmitz, Ron Luethe, Jim Van Wychen, Cedric Schnitzler, Rick Folkedahl, Nidia Alcantar, Adam Balz, Mary VonRuden, Brad Peters, Carol Nook, Travis Cronk, Rob Olson, Jim Costello, Greg Schmitz, Tina Osterberg, Adrian Lockington

WebEx: Paul Potter, Town of Portland

Meeting was called to order in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room at 4:30 p.m. by co-chair Jen Schmitz.

Motion by Cedric Schnitzler second by Jim VanWychen to approve of the November 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Carried.

WTA Meeting November 18, 2021 meeting Update. Jen Schmitz provides update. Cedric Schnitzler comments to interest from townships and questions.

Survey Results- no new surveys have been submitted since last meeting.

Broadband Forward and Telecommute Forward Resolutions and Ordinances Update- open discussion and comments that we offer assistance to the townships.

Rod Olson from Vernon Communications Cooperative provides update on entire Monroe County broadband estimated cost. Plan is to apply to 2 grants for the 2 phases. March 17, 2021 the Grant applications are due. Does not expect construction to happen in 2022.

Coon Valley Farmers Telephone Company- Brad Peters, provides map and overview of company. They are looking to do a grant for the first time in 2022. Open Q&A

Next Steps: Full Meeting to include all townships for discussion. Rod comments to keep 125 miles completed in a summer. Presenters could attend meeting to answer questions.

Jim Costello comments on a new phase that he plans to present at a future meeting. Comprehensive Plan expected to be complete by end of next week.

Open discussion and the ARPA funding process for Monroe County. Letter of Support,

Meeting proposed Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at the American Legion at 5:00 p.m. with virtual option available. Townships, Villages, Roxie Anderson.

Motion to adjourn by Cedric Schnitzler second by Rick Folkedahl. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Recorded by Adrian Lockington
Administrative Office Specialist