

Broadband Special Committee

February 15, 2022 Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Present: Ron Luethe, Jen Schmitz, Cedric Schnitzler, Jim VanWychen, Rick Folkedahl

WebEx: Paul Potter, Dennis Treu, Adrian Lockington

Other: Nodji VanWychen, Mary VonRuden, Adam Balz, Nate Abbott Town of Leon, Pat Wall Spring Bank

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room by chair Ron Luethe.

Motion by Jim VanWychen second by Jen Schmitz to approve of the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes. Carried.

Updates on Letters of support- Updates on Broadband-Telecommuter Forward-Additional solicitations for support- Adrian Lockington and Jen Schmitz comment to status and open discussion. Export all letters of support received into one document for the meeting on 2/17/2022.

Review Monroe County and Vernon Communications PPP agreement- Ron Luethe comments to this. Previously approved at EDT and now has the funding amount added from the ARPA request, Going to next county board meeting.

Feedback/Recommendations on Monroe County Broadband presentation –Cedric Schnitzler recommends future broadband and other providers be considered for future grant expansions outside the ARPA funding. Open Discussion.

Broadband sub-page Monroe County Website- Discussion/Action- Motion by Cedric Schnitzler second by Jim Wychen to approve webpage updates to add Broadband information and documents.

Additional next steps- Discussion

- Committee Chair and Co-Chair to contact Provider Lynxx Network
- Future Funding Opportunities Discussion/Recommendations
- Letter of support from the Committee for the PSC Grant Application through VCC
- Provide updates to all Supervisors/Presentations
- Letter of support at EDT Committee Meeting

Suggestion to move Broadband Meetings prior to the EDT Meetings so any agenda items can be placed on that agenda for any discussion/recommendations. EDT is the 2nd Thursday of every month with agenda out the 1st Thursday of every month.

Next Meeting Date and Time Tuesday, March 15, 2022 in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Luethe second by Jim VanWychen at 6:21 p.m. Carried.

Recorded By Adrian Lockington
Administrative Office Specialist