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NOTICE OF MEETING

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

5:00 p.m.

**Monroe County Justice Center
Monroe County Assembly Room
112 South Court Street (South Entrance)
Sparta, WI 54656**

SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions
2. Approval of August 30, 2022 Minutes
3. Updates on Current Efforts:
 - a. PSC Grant Award - Vernon Communications
 - b. Tomah & Warrens - Tomah School District Effort
 - c. Vendor Updates: Coon Valley Telephone, Lynxx Network, Lumen / Brightspeed, Hillsboro Telephone
4. Library and Schools - Discussion on Broadband
 - a. Progress follow up in Warrens (Tomah)
 - b. Northern Monroe County Strategy Ideas
5. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#) [document review]
6. Feedback from other Committees
7. Discussion of Next Steps
8. Meeting planning - Broadband Committee
9. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
10. Next Meeting Date and Time
11. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Date notices mailed: September 19, 2022

Committee Members: Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen, Cedric Schnitzler,
Paul Potter, Nidia Alcantar, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline

PLEASE NOTE: A quorum of the Monroe County Board or other committees may be present at this meeting. No business of the County Board or other committees will be conducted at this meeting, only the business noted above.

Broadband Special Committee Meeting

August 30, 2022

Present: Jen Schmitz, Joey Esterline, Adam Balz, Dennis Treu, Wally Habegger, Rick Folkedhal, Jim VanWychen,

Others: Mary VonRuden, Garren Mayer- Vernon Communications Cooperative, Remy Gomez, Nodji VanWychen, Michelle Tryggstad- Director, Sparta Free Library, Adrian Lockington

WebEx: no participants

Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room by chair Jen Schmitz.

Motion by Adam Balz second Jim VanWychen to approve meeting minutes from July 26, 2022. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts-

- a. PSC Grant Award: VCC- Garren comments that field engineering work will begin this fall. Currently everything is on schedule.
- b. Tomah & Warrens- Tomah School District Effort – Jen Schmitz provides overview. Potentially on the Tomah School District agenda for September.

Library Input on Broadband- Benefits to community and communications

- a. Cautions and other considerations- Mary VonRuden & Michelle Tryggstad, comments. Winding Rivers fully supports Monroe County Broadband efforts.

Vendor Expectations & Broadband Strategies (document review)

- This document shall be presented to other departments listed for further review. Final strategic Plan to county board. This shall be a separate document from any PPP agreements.

Next Month's meeting date/time- September 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Next Month Agenda-

- Library access/Broadband Northern Communities
- School District Efforts
- Strategic Plan Update

Motion to adjourn by Jim VanWychen second Joey Esterline at 6:25 p.m. Carried.

Recorded by Adrian Lockington, Executive Assistant