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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**COMMITTEE:**

**BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

**DATE:**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

**TIME:**

**5:00 p.m.**

**PLACE:**

**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 January 24, 2023 Minutes
3. Updates on Current Efforts:
  - a. PSC Grant (2022) Award - Vernon Communications
  - b. Tomah & Warrens - Tomah School District Effort
  - c. Vendor updates: Coon Valley Telephone, Lynxx Network, Lumen / Brightspeed, Hillsboro Telephone
  - d. Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission <https://mrrpc.com/>
  - e. Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates
  - f. BEAD (WI Broadcast, Equity, Access & Deployment) Local Planning Grant-Discussion/Action
4. Exploring Opportunities:
  - a. Budget Updates from County and/or other Sourcing
  - b. US Cellular Feedback/Information
  - c. Northern Monroe County Strategy Ideas - Cataract
  - d. Fort McCoy Feedback
  - e. Other/Upcoming
5. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#)
6. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
  - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
  - b. March 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (4th Tuesday)
7. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair  
BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
Date notices mailed: February 24, 2023

Committee Members: Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWycken, 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

January 24, 2023

Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Present: Jen Schmitz, Cedric Schnitzler, Rick Folkedahl, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline Jim VanWychen, Nidia Alcantar

Others:

Web Ex: Paul Potter, Dennis Treu

Garren Mayer, Nate Abbott, Mary VonRuden, Chris Hardie,

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room by chair Jen Schmitz.

Roll Call/Introductions

Motion by Joey Esterline second by Dennis Treu to approve the October 25, 2022 meeting minutes. Carried.

Updates

- a. PSC Grant Award: VCC- Garren Mayer provided updates.
- b. Tomah and Warrens- School Districts- Approved by School Board to move forward to go out for Bid
- c. Vendor Updates: Jen provided update provided to her from Coon Valley. Brightspeed has no update. Lynxx update provided by Paul Potter.
- d. Jen provided update on FCC.
- e. John from Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission provided update.

Exploring Opportunities.

- a. Look to provide map overlay of broadband initiative for county.
- b. No update on strategic ideas for Cataract

Vendor Expectations & Broadband Strategies No Update

Feedback from other committees-

Discussion of Next Steps-

- Next Meeting Agenda Items
  - Updating Mapping of Broadband for County
  - Brightspeed
  - Fort McCoy
  - US Cellular

Meeting planning- Broadband Committee

Next invite to key Stakeholders

Next Meeting Date and Time – February 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Nidia Alcantar second by Jim VanWychen. Meeting Adjourned 6:16 p.m. Carried.

Recorded by Rick Folkedahl IT Director