



# MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

202 SOUTH K STREET, RM 1  
SPARTA, WISCONSIN 54656

**PHONE: 608-269-8705**

**FAX: 608-269-8747**

[www.co.monroe.wi.us](http://www.co.monroe.wi.us)

## Remote Meeting Information:

<https://monroecountywi.webex.com/> or **Join by phone: +1-404-397-1516 United States Toll**

**Meeting Number: 2491 395 6811**

**Access Code: 2491 395 6811**

**Password: Speed**

**IT Point of Contact, Rick Folkedahl 608-633-2700**

## COMMITTEE:

## DATE:

## TIME:

## PLACE:

## NOTICE OF MEETING

### **BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

**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 September 26, 2023 Minutes
3. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker limit)
4. Special Committee – Appointment/Approval
5. Updates on Current Efforts:
  - a. PSC Grant (2022) Award - Vernon Communications
  - b. Tomah & Warrens - Tomah School District Effort
  - c. Vendor updates: Lynxx Network, Coon Valley Telephone, Lumen / Brightspeed, Hillsboro Telephone, US Cellular
  - d. Grant Recommendation to EDT Committee Discussion
    - I. BEAD (Broadband Equity and Accessibility) Local Planning Grant
    - II. Other grants to be aware of
  - e. Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates
    - I. Speed Tests – Messaging and Promotions
6. Exploring Opportunities:
  - a. Juneau County & Camp Douglas
  - b. Other/Upcoming
7. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#)
8. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
  - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
  - b. November 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
9. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

Date notices mailed: October 20, 2023

Committee Members: Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen, Cedric Schnitzler,

Paul Potter, Nidia Alcantar, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline, Chris Bernett

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 Meeting

September 26, 2023

Present: Jen Schmitz, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline, Rick Folkedahl, Cedric Schnitzler, Paul Potter, Jim VanWychen,

Other: Mary VonRuden, Roxie Anderson, Chris Bernett-Town of Sparta, Remy Gomez

WebEx: Carah Koch - NTIA, Erika Nelson – Lynxx Networks, Garin Mayer – Vernon Communication Cooperative

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

Roll Call/Introductions-

Motion by Joey Esterline second by Adam Balz to approve meeting minutes from August 22, 2023 meeting. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts

- PSC Grant- Jen Schmitz gives update on construction, Garin Mayer provides Vendor update.
- Tomah/Warrens- Paul Potter- Provides update.
- Lynxx – Erika Provides information for two Grants they are applying for. Provided PPP template for both.
- Motion to endorse PPP agreements Motion by Adam Balz, Second by Paul Potter. Carried.

Grant Updates

- BEAD Grant- Roxie Anderson provides update
- Wisconsin Digital Equity Grant – Roxie Anderson provided information. Carah Koch provided update.
- DCIP (Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program) Monroe County did not receive award however we will get feedback on the applications. Roxie Anderson provided information.
- Upcoming Grant- PSC Application cycle open Applications Due Nov 7.

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates

- Jen Schmitz provides update.

Exploring Opportunities

- Committee spoke about potential other opportunities.

Next Meeting Date October 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Next month's meeting Agenda Items-

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jim VanWychen second by Adam Balz at 5:47 p.m. Carried.