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## COMMITTEE:

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

**PLACE:**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Monroe County**

**County Board Assembly Room**

**210 W. Oak Street, Room 1200**

**Sparta, WI 54656**

## **SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions
2. Approval of March 26, 2024 Minutes
3. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker limit)
4. 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, Brightspeed, Hillsboro Telephone, US Cellular, Bug Tussel
  - d. Grant Ideas and Work
    - 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
      - Extension Follow Up – Viroqua
      - Reason to Promote Speed Tests – Challenge Process
  - f. [PSC website/homepage for Broadband](#)
5. Exploring Opportunities:
  - a. Neighboring Counties Connections
  - b. Ho-Chunk Nation
  - c. Other/Upcoming
6. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#)
7. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
  - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
  - b. June 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

Date notices mailed: April 17, 2024

Committee Members: Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen, Wallace Habegger,  
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

March 26, 2024

Present: Jen Schmitz, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline, Rick Folkedahl, Chris Bernett, Jim VanWychen, Cedric Schnitzler

Other: Mary VonRuden, Tracy Bedworth – Vernon Communication Cooperative , Nodji VanWychen, Jeremiah Erickson

WebEx: Roxie Anderson, Chris Hardie, Chris Heffel, Kelly Shipley -Brightspeed

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chair Jen Schmitz in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Roll Call/Introductions-

Motion by Jim VanWychen second by Joey Esterline to approve meeting minutes from Feb 27, 2024 meeting. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts

- PSC Grant- Tracy provided update.
- Tomah/Warrens school district effort- No Update provided
- Brightspeed – Kelly Shipley provided update
- Lynxx – No update provided.

Grant Updates

- BEAD Grant- No Update
- DCIP – Cedric Schnitzler provided update.

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates

- Jeremiah Erickson Provided update.

Towns Association Meeting

- Jen Schmitz provides update.

Exploring Opportunities

- The committee offered up suggestions on how to promote broadband, broadband testing, and how to get the information out.

Next Meeting Date April 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Next month's meeting Agenda Items-

- Identify road construction to potential work with providers
- BEAD

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jim VanWychen second by Rick Folkedahl at 5:45p.m. Carried.