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## COMMITTEE:

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

**PLACE:**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, September 24, 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 August 27, 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  
Letters on intent to apply
    - II. Budget Planning – Funds for Broadband Projects
    - III. Other grants to be aware of
  - e. Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates  
I [PSC website/homepage for Broadband](#)
5. Exploring Opportunities:
  - a. Neighboring Counties Connections
  - b. Other/Upcoming
6. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#) or [Broadband timeline development](#)
7. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
  - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
  - b. October 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

Date notices mailed: September 20, 2024

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

Aug 27, 2024

Present: Jen Schmitz, Rick Folkedahl, Chris Bernett, Joey Esterline, Adam Balz, Dennis Treu, Wallace Habhegger, Jim VanWychen,

Other:

WebEx: Mark Leonard (PSC), Jeremiah Erickson, Garin Mayer – Vernon Communication Cooperative Chris Heffel, Roxie Anderson

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

Roll Call/Introductions-

Motion by Dennis Treu Esterline second by Wallace Habhegger to approve meeting minutes from June 25, 2024 meeting. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts

- PSC Grant- Garin provided Vernon Communications Cooperative update on progress.
- Tomah/Warrens school district effort- Adam Balz provides update received from Paul Potter.
- Brightspeed – Jen Schmitz provide update.
- Charter – Chris Crawford provides update
- Lynxx – No update provided.

Grant Updates

- BEAD Grant- Roxie Anderson and Mark Leonard updates on the BEAD grant,
- DCIP – Roxie Anderson provided update on information in regard to DCIP.
- Mark Leonard Spoke about the Capitol Project digital connectivity and Navigators Program

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates

- Jeremiah Erickson provides updates on Mapping

Exploring Opportunities

- Jen Schmitz reports on her attendance at Jackson County Broadband Committee.

Next Meeting Date September 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Next month's meeting Agenda Items-

Letter of intent/Letter of support/Letter of Endorsement

Update to County Board

Motion to adjourn meeting by Adam Balz second by Jim VanWychen at 5:40p.m. Carried.