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COMMITTEE:

DATE:

TIME:

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NOTICE OF MEETING

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 22, 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 September 24, 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 and timeline
 - 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. Closed Session
 - Motion to Move into Closed Session
 - Closed Session: Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, or the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Per PSC selection process, the Broadband Committee will move into closed session to discuss recommendations for BEAD Grant, vendor selection and letter of endorsement or Resolution. (Discussion/Action)
 - Return to Open Session
 - Action from Closed Session - (Motion) to support a vendor(s) in the BEAD grant application process for 2025 awards by the PSC of Wisconsin and letter of endorsement or Resolution to pass along to the Economic Development Committee and full County Board to submit to the PSC of Wisconsin.

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7. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#) or [Broadband timeline development](#)
8. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
 - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
 - b. November and December
 - c. January 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
9. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair
Date notices mailed: October 18, 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

Sept 24, 2024

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

Other:

WebEx: Mark Leonard (PSC), Kelly Shipley

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 Wallace Habhegger, second by Joey Esterline to approve meeting minutes from Aug 27, 2024 meeting. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts

- PSC Grant- Mark Leonard provides information on BEAD grant Endorsement.
- Tomah/Warrens school district effort – No update provided.
- Brightspeed – Kelly Shipley provide update.
- Charter – No update provided
- Lynxx – Jen Schmitz provided update.

Grant Updates

- BEAD Grant- 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

- No update

Exploring Opportunities

- No update.

Next Meeting Date October 22, 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

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jim VanWychen second by Adam Balz at 5:39p.m. Carried.