

Broadband Meeting

Oct 22, 2024

Present: Jen Schmitz, Rick Folkedahl, Adam Balz, Nidia Alcantar, Joey Esterline, Wallace Habhegger, Jim VanWychen, Dennis Treu, Jim VanWychen (Phone)

Other: Cedric Schnitzler, Roxie Anderson, Lisa Aldinger Hamblin, Jeremiah Erickson, Remy Gomez

WebEx: Cindy Altman Jackson Co., Chris Heffel Lynxx Networks, Chris Crawford Charter Communications,

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 Adam Balz, second by Joey Esterline to approve meeting minutes from Sept 24, 2024 meeting. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts

- PSC Grant- No Report provided.
- Tomah/Warrens school district effort – Chris Heffel provides update.
- Brightspeed – No Report provided.
- Charter – Chris Crawford provides update.
- Lynxx – Chris Heffel provides update on projects.

Grant Updates

- BEAD Grant- Roxie Anderson provides updates and status of letters of intent.
- DCIP – Roxie Anderson provided update on information in regard to DCIP.
- Other Grant opportunities - Roxie Anderson Provided information in regards to two additional Grants: USDA Grant and Economic Development and Tourism Grant

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates

- Jeremiah Erickson provides update on items he submitted.

Exploring Opportunities

- Cindy Altman provides update on Jackson County Broadband initiatives.

Closed Session

Motion to move into closed session by Wallace Habhegger, Second by Nidia Alcantar, Roll Call vote, carried.

Motion to move out of closed session by Adam Balz , Second by Nidia Alcantar, Roll Call Vote, carried.

Motion by Adam Balz, for the BEAD grant, move to endorse both Brightspeed and Lynxx, with the area to be determined later, in both letter of endorsement and resolution format, and the resolution will contain a fiscal note that specifies no county funds. And further requests for funding, require action by the county board. , Second by Nidia Alcantar, motion carried. This will be forwarded onto the EDT committee.

Next Meeting Date January 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Next month's meeting Agenda Items-

Motion to adjourn meeting by Wallace Habegger second by Jim VanWychen at 7:16 p.m. Carried.